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### TIPRO

[HB 37](#) [Zwiener, Erin\(D\)](#) Relating to the issuance of a permit by the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the routing of certain oil or gas pipelines.

**Remarks:** Requires gas or petroleum pipelines owned by a gas company or a common carrier to received a permit from the PUC. The PUC must consider the following before issuing the permit:(1) community values;(2) recreational and park areas; (3) historical and aesthetic values;(4) environmental integrity;(5) public safety; and (6) economic development. Does not apply to a pipeline solely under federal jurisdiction, a gas distribution pipeline facility, or a sour gas pipeline facility.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

[HB 59](#) [Murr, Andrew\(R\)](#) Relating to the elimination of school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes and the creation of a joint interim committee on the elimination of those taxes.

**Remarks:** Removes ability for school districts to charge M&O taxes and creates a committee to evaluate increasing the consumption tax.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

[HB 70](#) [Swanson, Valoree\(R\)](#) Relating to legislative review and approval of certain state agency rules.

**Companions:** [HB 112](#) [Swanson, Valoree](#) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Refile from past 2 sessions: Applies to proposed rules by state agencies that will have an economic impact of \$20m and is not an emergency rule. A proposed rule must be filed at the legislature, similar to a bill, that be referred to a committee. The committee must consider the rule in a meeting and must receive a unanimous vote in committee in order to be approved. If a proposed rule is suspended (does not receive a unanimous vote in committee) when in session, the

committee chair must give notice to presiding office of the chamber within five days of suspension. Within 35 days, the members of the chamber must vote on the rule, if a majority of members vote to approve the rule then it is approved, if not the rule continues to be suspended. If the proposed rule is suspended while the legislature is not in session, then the Secretary of State gives notice to the presiding officer of the chamber within the first 10 days of the following legislative session. Within 30 days of receiving that notification, the members of the chamber must vote on the rule. Legislative History and Notes: None

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 167

Ortega, Lina(D)

Relating to common and public nuisances.

**Remarks:** allows for a court to issue a 14 day temporary restraining order without a hearing (ex parte hearing) if a place is maintained in a manner that is a common nuisance or about to become a common nuisance.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 207

Lopez, Ray(D)

Relating to the rates of the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.

**Remarks:** House Bill 207 raises taxes on gas and diesel to 22 cents per gallon from the current 20 cents and annually adjusts those rates to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The bill requires the Comptroller to make the calculation based on each fiscal year's change in CPI, to publish the new rates and inform the fuels tax license holders, and to adjust rates annually.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 242

Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to require water pollution abatement plans from certain facilities regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**Companions:** [HB 3320](#) Zwiener, Erin (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Allows the TCEQ to require a facility used in connection with exploration, development, or production of oil, gas, or geothermal resources regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas to submit to the commission a water pollution abatement plan for the facility if the facility is

located in the recharge zone of the Edwards Aquifer. Refile 3320 never heard.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 286 Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to the eligibility for grants for alternative fueling facilities.

**Remarks:** Currently metropolitan and regional transportation authorities can be pushed to the back of the grant dismemberment line for alternative fueling facilities if they do not make the locations accessible and available to the public at certain times agreed to in grant contracts. This bill removes the requirement to make them public accessible for MTAs and RTAs in counties of 1 million or more that are in a non-attainment area.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 298 Zwiener, Erin(D) Relating to regulation of outdoor lighting by certain municipalities.

**Remarks:** Allows the governing body of a municipality that has received or applied for an International Dark Sky Community designation to regulate the installation and use of outdoor lighting in the municipality and the municipality's ETJ. The municipality may sue and violators incur a Class C Misdemeanor.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 311 Vasut, Cody (F)(R) Relating to the declaration and length of a state of disaster or public health disaster.

**Remarks:** Prohibits a governor disaster order of more than 30 days without legislative approval.

**Bill History:** 01-13-21 H Filed

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**A** HB 348 Zwiener, Erin(D) Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.

**Companions:** HB 245 Farrar, Jessica (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Would require applications for a water use permit from TCEQ to be made publicly available on the internet. Also requires the permit applicant to post a copy of the application, map, and any other supporting materials on the internet, and must maintain that information publicly until TCEQ has made a decision on the application. Refile HB 245 (Farrar)

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 355 Lopez, Ray(D) Relating to providing notice to a state representative and senator of an administrative penalty assessed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Companions:** HB 4758 Lopez, Ray (F) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Requires that TCEQ provide notice to a state representative and senator that preside over an area where an administrative penalty has been assessed.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 427 King, Ken(R) Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of electric and hybrid vehicles.

**Companions:** HB 1971 King, Ken (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Requires additional registration fees for electric and hybrid vehicles. \$200 for electric. \$100 for hybrid. Fees go to the State Highway Fund.

**Bill History:** 11-10-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 433 King, Ken(R) Relating to imposing a tax on the generation of electricity by certain electric generators.

**Remarks:** Imposes a tax is imposed on each electric generator in this state that generates electricity using an energy source other than natural gas. \$.01 per kilowatt hour

**Bill History:** 11-10-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 444 Allison, Steve(R) Relating to an appropriation of money from the economic stabilization fund to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

**Remarks:** Directs \$1.2B of the ESF to the Teacher Retirement System.

**Bill History:** 11-10-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 448 Bailes, Ernest(R) Relating to the right of property owners to file complaints against certain entities regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas regarding alleged misconduct by the entities while exercising eminent domain authority.

**Remarks:** Adds to the property owner's bill of rights the right of property owners to file complaints against acquiring entities regulated by the RCC to the RCC regarding alleged misconduct by the entities while exercising eminent domain authority. This was a Refile of Rep. Bailes' HB 1919 that was heard late and left pending in LRM last session with addition of civil penalty for using LBOR to harass or intimidate.

**Bill History:** 11-10-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 523 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain counties.

**Remarks:** Local bill that allows a sheriff or county deputy in Andrew's County to enforce commercial motor vehicle safety standards.

**Bill History:** 01-13-21 H Filed

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**A** HB 539 Patterson, Jared(R) Relating to authorizing certain projects to be undertaken by economic development corporations.

**Companions:**

HB 1221	Patterson, Jared (F)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 1890	Fallon, Pat (F)	(Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Restricts Type A and B economic development corporations from certain tax funded infrastructure or public safety projects without voter approval.

**Bill History:** 11-12-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 632 Darby, Drew(R) Relating to the establishment of an advisory committee for the TexNet seismic monitoring program.

**Remarks:** HB 632 establishes a Texnet Technical Advisory Committee at the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology. The committee is made up of 9 members, appointed by the Governor: a RCC representative, at least 3 representatives from the oil and gas industry; director of the Bureau is to serve as a nonvoting member of the committee. The Committee's role charged with developing recommendations that will assist the program and its research efforts; review and approve or reject expenditures; prepare and approve an annual budget for appropriated funds, provide oversight on new and existing program equipment, ensure transmission of data collected by seismic

equipment to the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology database; and get quarterly updates from the bureau on progress of the program. The Committee will submit a report to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House by December 1 of each even numbered year that includes a review of the use of funds appropriated, an accounting of all research funded through the program, and recommendations for the the ongoing operations and requirements of the program.

**Bill History:** 11-23-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 645 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to honesty in state taxation.

**Remarks:** Prohibits a state agency, the legislature, or judiciary from calling a tax anything other than a tax such as a fee, levy, surcharge, assessment, fine, or penalty.

**Bill History:** 11-24-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 665 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to an emergency rule adopted by a state agency during certain periods of disaster.

**Remarks:** HB 665 applies only to an emergency rule adopted during a period in which at least 75 percent of the counties in this state are declared to be in a state of disaster or emergency by the governor. The bill holds that an emergency rule may be effective for not longer than 30 days and may be renewed for not longer than 60 days. Renewal, however, must be approved by majority vote at a joint hearing of the standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over the state agency seeking to renew the emergency rule.

**Bill History:** 11-30-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 711 Perez, Mary Ann(D) Relating to performance standards for certain aboveground storage tanks.

**Companions:** SB 126 Johnson, Nathan (Identical)  
11- 9-20 S Filed

**Remarks:** Requires above ground storage tanks that are part of a petrochemical plant, a petroleum refinery, an electric generating facility, or a bulk facility to adhere to new performance standards designated by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission of the TWDB.

**Bill History:** 12-02-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 714 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the establishment of the Texas Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

**Companions:** [HB 1491](#) Reynolds, Ron (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Creates the environmental Justice Council to advise state agencies and local governments on environmental justice issues. Defines environmental justice as means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes in the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental law and policy.

**Bill History:** 12-03-20 H Filed

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 [HB 739](#) Lopez, Ray(D) Relating to a grant program administered by the Texas Veterans Commission to provide energy industry career training for veterans.

**Companions:** [HB 4291](#) Flynn, Dan (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Creates a grant program coordinated by the Texas Veterans Commission and the GLO to provide financial assistance to veterans seeking a certification or training to prepare for employment in the energy industry.

**Bill History:** 12-04-20 H Filed

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 [HB 753](#) Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to municipal solid waste management services contracts.

**Remarks:** Prohibits a municipality from charging a person with a franchise to provide solid waste management services in the municipality franchise fees of more than 2 percent of the gross receipts of the franchisee for the sale of services in the municipality. The bill further prohibits a municipality from restricting the entity from entering into other contracts.

**Bill History:** 12-08-20 H Filed

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 [HB 774](#) Walle, Armando(D) Relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate noise levels in residential areas.

**Companions:** [HB 4582](#) Walle, Armando (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** allows for the regulation of noise in an unincorporated part of a county with a population of over 3.3 million.

**Bill History:** 12-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 778 Lozano, Jose(R) Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

**Companions:**

HB 2129	Murphy, Jim	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 144	Powell, Beverly	(Identical)

11- 9-20 S Filed

**Remarks:** Extends Chapter 313 for 10 years. Specifically subchapters B (LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY USED TO CREATE JOBS) and C (LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY IN STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREA OR CERTAIN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT) of Chapter 313 through 2032.

**Bill History:** 12-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 858 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the carcinogenic risk level used in the development of certain environmental remediation benchmarks.

**Companions:**

HB 893	Dutton, Harold	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 2385	Miles, Borris	(Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Requires TCEQ to set carcinogenic risk levels at a rate not greater than one in one million.

**Bill History:** 12-17-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 860 Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to changes to an application for an environmental permit before a contested case hearing on the application.

**Companions:**

HB 1006	Collier, Nicole	(Refiled from 86R Session)
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**Remarks:** Prohibits an applicant for an environmental permit through TCEQ from making changes to their application within 31 days of a contested case preliminary hearing proceeding. To make any changes one would have start over in the process.

**Bill History:** 12-17-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 876 Craddick, Tom(R) Relating to fees charged by certain persons for the method used for payments made under an agreement.

**Remarks:** HB 876 prohibits a person that makes a payment to a payee from charging an additional fee to the

payee because the payee elects to receive the payment by paper check. The bill voids any provision in a contract permitting the collection of a fee for payment by check.

**Bill History:** 12-18-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 878 Hinojosa, Gina(D)

Relating to phasing out the tax reduction for certain high-cost gas.

**Companions:**

SB 1417	Johnson, Nathan (F)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 879	Hinojosa, Gina	(Identical)
	12-18-20 H Filed	
SB 127	Johnson, Nathan	(Identical)
	11- 9-20 S Filed	

**Remarks:**

Same as last session: Phases out the high cost gas tax reduction by requiring that an application to be considered a high cost gas well must be received by the comptroller by Sept. 1, 2021. no new high cost gas tax exemptions after Sept. 1, 2021. Current exemptions expire either first 120 consecutive calendar months beginning on the first day of production, or until the cumulative value of the tax reduction equals 50 percent of the drilling and completion costs incurred for the well, whichever occurs first.

**Bill History:** 12-18-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 879 Hinojosa, Gina(D)

Relating to phasing out the tax reduction for certain high-cost gas.

**Companions:**

SB 1417	Johnson, Nathan (F)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 878	Hinojosa, Gina	(Identical)
	12-18-20 H Filed	
SB 127	Johnson, Nathan	(Identical)
	11- 9-20 S Filed	

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**Bill History:** 12-18-20 H Filed

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**A** [HB 884](#) [Harris, Cody\(R\)](#) Relating to local government regulations based on utility service type.

**Remarks:** Prohibits a political subdivision from requiring a particular utility being provided by the project in order to receive a permit.

**Bill History:** 12-18-20 H Filed

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**A** [HB 896](#) [Reynolds, Ron\(D\)](#) Relating to air quality permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain oil and gas facilities.

**Remarks:** Applies new facilities or modifications of existing facilities to that deal with Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas, Natural Gas Liquids, Crude Petroleum Pipelines, Refined Petroleum Pipelines, Natural Gas Transmission, and Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution. HB 896 requires quarterly inspection and maintenance program for repair and detection of any leak at the facility; prohibits venting and limits flaring at new or modified facilities; limits emissions of VOCs from storage tanks; establishes limitations on Nox emissions from compressor engines; requires tceq to establish maintenance protocols and best practices for compressor stations; and requires the use of no-bleed and low-bleed pneumatic devices and controllers between the wellhead and a natural gas processing plant. the bill requires each facility to be equipped with leak detection equipment such as "optical gas imaging cameras".

**Bill History:** 12-21-20 H Filed

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**A** [HB 897](#) [Reynolds, Ron\(D\)](#) Relating to the analysis of inspection and maintenance requirements for air quality permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain oil and gas facilities.

**Companions:**

<a href="#">HB 225</a>	Reynolds, Ron	(Refiled from 86R Session)
<a href="#">SB 1380</a>	Rodriguez, Jose	(Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Would require TCEQ to examine and produce an analysis of rules and requirements of programs relating to oil & gas operations (crude petroleum & natural gas, NGL's, crude pipelines, refined petro pipelines, natural gas transmission and distribution) that have a PBR or standard permit, including inspection and maintenance programs, venting & flaring, VOC emissions, and other emissions from

compressors, wellheads, etc. to determine issues concerning these rules and requirements and options for improving the prevention of air emissions. TCEQ may work with RRC on this report, but the report shall be issued publicly for comment by January 1, 2022, and finally by June 1, 2022.

**Bill History:** 12-21-20 H Filed

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 HB 899

Middleton, Mayes(R)

Relating to prohibiting a licensing authority from taking disciplinary action against certain license holders for violating an emergency management plan or a rule, order, or ordinance issued under the plan.

**Remarks:** Prohibits a licensing authority from issuing penalties to a licensee for not complying with an emergency order.

**Bill History:** 12-22-20 H Filed

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 HB 901

Burns, DeWayne(R)

Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

**Remarks:** Rep. Burns' Eminent Domain Bill (not CCI). HB 901 establishes requirements for initial offer in an eminent domain proceeding. The bill holds that a private entity seeking to acquire property through eminent domain has made a bona fide offer if they meet current requirements for a bona fide offer and also includes with their initial offer: an offer of compensation based on market value of the property as determined by an appraiser or by at least three comparable sales; a written report of the appraisal, a deed or other instrument for conveyance; notice of terms and the LOBR. The entity must also provide notice of the proposed project to the county judge and must include a written appraisal report and a deed or other instrument of conveyance in the final offer. The bill also sets forth required terms for instruments of conveyance for rights of way and easements: including a prohibition against any use of the property other than the use stated in the deed, easement, etc. without written consent of the property owner; a provision that agreements are binding on subsequent owners of the property and successors of the private entity; and a provision requiring insurance for the condemning entity. The entity is also required to notify the property owner about certain terms that the owner can negotiate to have included in the instrument of conveyance including the property owner's right to recover damages, requirements for the private entity to have liability insurance coverage, and indemnification of the property owner in certain

circumstances. The entity and the property owner may negotiate and agree to terms that are not required by HB 901. Condemning entities are required to send written notice of intent to the county judge of the county in which they are seeking to acquire property prior to making the initial offer to the property owner. The county judge is required to appoint 3 disinterested property owners from the county no later than 30 days after the date the property owner received notice of the petition being filed. The judge must also appoint 2 disinterested real property owners to serve as alternate special commissioners. The judge is required to give preference to any person that the parties have agreed on prior to appointing special commissioners. Each party has 15 days after the date the property owner received notice to strike one of the three special commissioners.

**Bill History:** 12-22-20 H Filed



HB 902

Burns, DeWayne(R)

Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

**Remarks:**

HB 902 is the CCI Eminent Domain Bill. HB 902 establishes an ombudsman office within the attorney general's office who is responsible for providing information to landowners whose property may be acquired through the use of eminent domain. The ombudsman can provide assistance pertaining to: the landowner's bill of rights and procedures for acquiring real property through eminent domain. The attorney general is required to provide notice by publication to all Texas counties and to make available on the AG website a landowner's bill of rights that is able to be easily understood by an average property owner. The bill then prescribes the content of the Texas Landowner's Bill of Rights. HB 902 repeals the current provisions in law that govern preparation of the landowner's bill of rights. HB 902 requires certification of right-of-way agents inclusive of Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) courses and certain continuing ed requirements. It allows the TREC to adopt reasonable terms for issuing a probationary certificate and sets forth qualifying and continuing educational requirements for people seeking certification as a right-of-way agent. It also allows for suspension or revocation of a certification for kick-backs for accepting unreasonably low offers. The bill requires that the LOBR be presented to the landowner at or before the first in-person contact and amends the bona fide offer requirements to include: the LOBR, an offer of compensation based on market value assessed by a certified appraiser, broker or market study, an offer based

off of 3 comparable arm's length transactions, or 150% of the per acre value for each acre or part of an acre to be acquired. The entity must also provide a complete written report prepared by the appraiser or broker that formed the basis for the offer; an instrument of conveyance; contact info for a representative of the entity. The bill also sets forth terms that are required for the instrument of conveyance. The bill also allows property owners to negotiate for terms not required under the prescribed language and allows the property owner and the entity to agree to alter or omit a term or to execute an instrument of conveyance that differs from the pipeline easement agreement form. Requires a county judge to appoint special commissioners no later than 15 days after the date the petition is filed and additionally appoint two disinterested property owners to serve as alternate special commissioners. The judge is required to give preference to any property owner that the two parties have agreed to, and each party has 7 calendar days after the date of the order appointing the special commissioners to strike 1 of the 3. The bill requires that the special commissioners schedule a hearing no earlier than 20 days, and no later than the 40th day after the date the special commissioners are appointed, unless the parties agree to a different time. The hearing can also be held via video conferencing if either party requests. The bill sets forth notice requirements, allows the property owner to request an in person meeting, and establishes the procedure for scheduling the in person meeting. The also bill prohibits an entity that participates in an in person meeting from making a final offer to the property owner sooner than 3 days after the date of the in person meeting, unless the property owner agrees to an earlier date.

**Bill History:** 12-22-20 H Filed

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**A** HB 960

Allen, Alma(D)

Relating to the location of certain public meetings for certain permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Remarks:** When the executive director of the TCEQ elects to hold a solid waste, waste water or injection well permitting hearing in a county in which the facility is located or proposed to be located, HB 960 requires the meeting to be held in the House District where the facility is located or proposed to be located.

**Bill History:** 01-04-21 H Filed

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 HB 963

Lozano, Jose(R)

Relating to the Texas natural gas vehicle grant program.

**Remarks:** HB 963 expands the Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program to allow used heavy or medium duty vehicles to be replaced by natural gas vehicles that are model year 2017 or never and not more than six years older than the current model year at the time of grant application submission. The grant awarded for a qualifying used natural gas vehicle may not be less than 80 percent of the incremental cost of the vehicle purchase, lease, or other commercial finance.

**Bill History:** 01-05-21 H Filed

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 HB 964

Darby, Drew(R)

Relating to the treatment, recycling for beneficial use, or disposal of drill cuttings.

**Remarks:** Current law holds that a person who generates drill cuttings and transfers the drill cuttings to a permit holder with the contractual understanding that the drill cuttings will be used in connection with road building or another beneficial use is not liable in tort for a consequence of the subsequent use of the drill cuttings by the permit holder or by another person. HB 964 extends this the tort liability shield to associated waste streams such as sands, silts, drilling fluids, spent completion fluids, workover fluids, debris, oil scum, paraffin, and other materials cleaned out of the wellbore that are part of the same waste stream as the cuttings. HB 964 also extends the tort liability shield to commercial recycling and/or commercial disposal

**Bill History:** 01-05-21 H Filed

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 HB 968

Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to public comments on matters subject to a hearing under the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Companions:** [HB 1804](#) Dutton, Harold (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Requires the executive director of the TCEQ to file a response to each public comment (formerly only response to relevant and material comments), requires that all public comments also be sent to anyone who submitted comments during the public comment period or requested to be on a mailing list for the permit action, and requires the commission to consider all public comments made during the public comment period when deciding on an action related to an application.

**Bill History:** 01-05-21 H Filed

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**A** HB 969 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the definition of "affected person" for purposes of a contested case hearing held by or for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding certain environmental permit applications.

**Companions:**

HB 654	Dutton, Harold	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 573	Miles, Borris	(Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** For applications for waste permits through the TCEQ that result in a contested case hearing, this bill would make the Senator and Representative of the area where the facility would be located "affected persons" for the purpose of the contested case.

**Bill History:** 01-05-21 H Filed

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**A** HB 975 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the notice of intent to obtain a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Remarks:** Requires an individual applying for a waste facility permit to place a sign on the proposed facility 30 days after the permit is considered administratively complete stating an application for a permit at the facility has been filed and it must include contact information of applicant, proposed site use, and how an applicant can be further contacted.

**Bill History:** 01-05-21 H Filed

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**A** HB 1036 Meza, Terry(D) Relating to limits on certain political contributions.

**Remarks:** HB 1036 places limits on political contributions and creates excessive criminal offenses and fines for violations.

**Bill History:** 01-08-21 H Filed

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**A** HB 1041 Anchia, Rafael(D) Relating to the acceptance of political contributions by a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas and of political contributions made in connection with the office of railroad commissioner.

**Companions:**

HB 859	Anchia, Rafael	(Refiled from 86R Session)
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**Remarks:** Outlines restrictions on campaign contributions for a RRC Commissioner. 1. May not accept

contributions except during the 17 months before the date of the next general election for the commissioner's office, and ending 30 days after the date of the election. 2. Prohibits a commissioner from accepting a contribution from any party to a contested case hearing before the RRC ending on the 30th day after a decision is rendered.

**Bill History:** 01-11-21 H Filed

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 [HB 1042](#) [Anchia, Rafael\(D\)](#)

Relating to the name and governance of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

**Companions:** [HB 857](#) [Anchia, Rafael](#) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Changes the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the "Texas Energy Resources Commission." Dictates that commissioners serve 6 year, staggered terms.

**Bill History:** 01-11-21 H Filed

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 [HB 1043](#) [Anchia, Rafael\(D\)](#)

Relating to the imposition of administrative, civil, and criminal penalties for violating certain statutes under the jurisdiction of, rules or orders adopted.

**Companions:** [HB 860](#) [Anchia, Rafael](#) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Increases the cost of a violation at the RRC from \$10k to \$25k, requires the RRC to adopt their own guidelines, using public input, to determine the structure/amount of violations and fines, and requires consideration of new factors for assessing violations, including: 1. number of times the permittee's certificate of compliance has been canceled. 2. any economic benefit gained through the violation. 3. the penalty necessary to deter future violations. Also raises the amount of administrative penalties to a maximum of \$25k, up from \$5k.

**Bill History:** 01-11-21 H Filed

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 [HB 1044](#) [Anchia, Rafael\(D\)](#)

Relating to establishing the Texas Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to study and address the impacts of climate change in this state.

**Companions:** [HB 928](#) [Anchia, Rafael](#) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Creates the Texas Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to study and address the impacts of climate change in Texas. The large commission is charged with establishing climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies, including goals to help guide planning and statewide implementation of the strategies and provide recommendations to the legislature. The bill requires the commission create a website and also make publicly available a sea level rise vulnerability and adaptation report. The bill also has preamble that holds that The legislature finds that: climate change is real and is the overriding challenge of the 21st century; climate change poses immediate and long-term threats to this state's economy, sustainability, security, and way of life, etc. The bill holds that the legislature supports the goals of the paris climate agreement.

**Bill History:** 01-11-21 H Filed

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 [HB 1122](#)

[Darby, Drew\(R\)](#)

Relating to county road reports.

**Remarks:** Removes the requirement of a road condition report when applying for CTIF funding.

**Bill History:** 01-14-21 H Filed

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 [HCR 9](#)

[Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#)

Urging the United States Congress to conduct a cost-benefit analysis regarding the risks of climate change and appropriate measures to address them.

**Remarks:** This is a resolution that urges the United States Congress to conduct a cost-benefit analysis regarding the risks of climate change and appropriate measures to address them.

**Bill History:** 11-24-20 H Filed

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 [HJR 6](#)

[Swanson, Valoree\(R\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for legislative review or approval of state agency rules.

**Companions:**

<a href="#">HJR 88</a>	<a href="#">Swanson, Valoree</a>	(Refiled from 86R Session)
<a href="#">HJR 149</a>	<a href="#">Toth, Steve</a>	(Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Constitutionally provides the legislature authority to oversee agency rule making.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HJR 21 Craddick, Tom(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of and use of money in the Grow Texas fund and allocating certain general revenues to that fund, the economic stabilization fund, and the state highway fund.

**Remarks:** Constitutional Amendment creating the GROW Fund that directs 12% of GR to ESF to the GROW Fund not to exceed \$250M per biennium. GROW Funds may only be used for use in areas of the state from which oil and gas are produced and may only to address infrastructure needs in the manner provided by general law in areas of the state determined by the legislature to be significantly affected by oil and gas production.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 H Filed

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**A** HJR 27 White, James(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to reduce the allocation of certain general revenue to the economic stabilization fund and to use that revenue for certain science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) scholarships.

**Remarks:** Reduces the amount of funds sent to the ESF by .01 percent to be used for a scholarship program for undergraduate STEM students at public institutions in this state.

**Bill History:** 11-12-20 H Filed

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**A** HJR 36 Raymond, Richard(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment providing honesty in state taxation.

**Companions:** HJR 16 Raymond, Richard (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law calling a tax anything other than a tax such as a fee, levy, surcharge, assessment, fine, or penalty. Also requires the legislature revise every reference to a fee, levy, etc not used for the purposed of general revenue as a regulatory tax.

**Bill History:** 11-24-20 H Filed

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**A** SB 87 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process.

**Companions:** HB 522 Allen, Alma (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** Requires TCEQ to consider the cumulative effects on public health and property of expected air emissions from a new or modified facility, including other facilities within 3 miles. Makes permitting process more difficult.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 S Filed

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**A** SB 125      Johnson, Nathan(D)      Relating to the regulation of hydrofluorocarbons under the Texas Clean Air Act.

**Remarks:** SB 125 prohibits a person from offering any product if that product or equipment consists of, uses, or will use hydrofluorocarbons in a manner deemed unacceptable by the clean air act.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 S Filed

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**A** SB 126      Johnson, Nathan(D)      Relating to performance standards for certain aboveground storage tanks.

**Companions:** **HB 711**      Perez, Mary Ann      (Identical)  
12- 2-20 H Filed

**Remarks:** Requires above ground storage tanks that are part of a petrochemical plant, a petroleum refinery, an electric generating facility, or a bulk facility to adhere to new performance standards designated by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission of the TWDB.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 S Filed

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**A** SB 127      Johnson, Nathan(D)      Relating to phasing out the tax reduction for certain high-cost gas.

**Companions:** **SB 1417**      Johnson, Nathan (F)      (Refiled from 86R Session)  
**HB 878**      Hinojosa, Gina      (Identical)  
12-18-20 H Filed  
**HB 879**      Hinojosa, Gina      (Identical)  
12-18-20 H Filed

**Remarks:** Same as last session: Phases out the high cost gas tax reduction by requiring that an application to be considered a high cost gas well must be received by the comptroller by Sept. 1, 2021. no new high cost gas tax exemptions after Sept. 1, 2021. Current exemptions expire either first 120 consecutive calendar months beginning on the first day of production, or until the cumulative value of the tax reduction equals 50 percent of the drilling and completion costs incurred for the well, whichever occurs first.

**Bill History:** 11-09-20 S Filed

 SB 144	Powell, Beverly(D)	Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.
<b>Companions:</b>		(Refiled from 86R Session)
	HB 2129 Murphy, Jim	(Identical)
	HB 778 Lozano, Jose 12- 9-20 H Filed	
<b>Remarks:</b>		Extends Chapter 313 for 10 years. Specifically subchapters B (LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY USED TO CREATE JOBS) and C (LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY IN STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AREA OR CERTAIN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT) of Chapter 313 through 2032.
<b>Bill History:</b>		11-09-20 S Filed

 SB 157	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to eminent domain reporting requirements for certain entities.
<b>Remarks:</b>		Local eminent domain bill that removes the requirement for a particular county with a school district with a population less than 25k to have to refile their eminent domain status with the comptroller annually if nothing has changed.
<b>Bill History:</b>		11-10-20 S Filed

 SB 160	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to certain county road reports.
<b>Remarks:</b>		Removes the requirement of a county to submit previous year's road condition report in order to apply for CTIF grant funds.
<b>Bill History:</b>		11-10-20 S Filed

 SB 170	Blanco, Cesar (F)(D)	Relating to a study regarding the feasibility of implementing certain renewable energy standards.
<b>Companions:</b>		(Refiled from 86R Session)
	HB 2148 Blanco, Cesar	
<b>Remarks:</b>		Requires the PUC to conduct a feasibility study of expanding the renewable energy standard so that 50% of the generating capacity installed in the state comes from renewable sources by 2030 and 100% by 2050. Report is due to the legislature Dec. 31, 2022.
<b>Bill History:</b>		11-10-20 S Filed

**A** SB 211 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to judicial review of acts by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Companions:** SB 2354 Zaffirini, Judith (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Bill History:** 11-18-20 S Filed

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**A** SB 304 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to a state goal for competitive zero-carbon electric generation.

**Remarks:** SB 304 requires a certain percentage, increasing every 5 years, of electric power generation from zero carbon energy technology with a goal of 100% of all electricity generated by retail electric providers, municipally owned utilities, and electric cooperatives by zero carbon energy technology by January 1, 2035.

**Bill History:** 01-11-21 S Filed

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**A** SB 306 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to information on projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.

**Remarks:** Requires an analysis of expected changes such as: adverse impacts in the services provided by the agency because of projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability.in the strategic plan of the Department of Agriculture, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, General Land Office, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Department of Insurance, Parks and Wildlife Department, Department of Public Safety, Public Utility Commission of Texas, office of the comptroller, Texas A&M Forest Service, and Texas Water Development Board.

**Bill History:** 01-11-21 S Filed

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**A** SB 310 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the repeal of the temporary tax reduction for certain high-cost gas.

**Remarks:** Repeals the exemption for high cost gas.

**Bill History:** 01-11-21 S Filed

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**A** SB 367 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the requirements for an application for a permit to drill an oil or gas well at a site adjacent to a well blowout site.

**Remarks:** SB 367 applies to counties with a population of more than 750k and requires an applicant for a permit to drill and oil and gas well to disclose to the commission in an application that the applicant was the operator of a oil and gas well

subject to a blowout (uncontrolled release of a subterranean fluid containing oil, gas, or condensate or of a well fluid that is caused by a loss of well control occurred while the applicant operated the oil or gas well.).

**Bill History:** 01-15-21 S Filed

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