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# BUSINESS LAW SECTION STATE BAR OF TEXAS TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

March 20, 2015

The Legislature is in full swing as both the House and Senate are now considering legislation in their respective chambers. This week, the Senate passed a bill to allow concealed handgun license holders to openly carry handguns, and a bill that would allow licensed concealed handguns on college campuses. The House passed a large scale anti-human trafficking measure and border security legislation that increases the presence of law enforcement along the border.

The BLS is tracking legislation in ten (10) general subject-matter categories. Periodic updates will come in two parts, the first part, below, is a summary of the categories. The second part contains a detailed list of all bills being tracked within the categories.

#### **A -- Section Prepared Bills**

Bills in this category are proposed by the Texas Business Law Foundation ("TBLF").

#### **Business Organization Code—Corporations**

Substantive and technical amendments to the BOC affecting corporations and fundamental business transactions developed by the BLS BOC Drafting Committee.

HB 2142 (Oliviera)/SB 860 (Eltife)—House bill referred to House B&I and is set for a hearing on Tuesday, March 24. A witness team is being confirmed. Senate B&C voted out a committee substitute with minor corrections and requested amendments from the Attorney General addressing non-profit corporations. Lori Ann Fox and Greg Odegaard testified for TBLF and Carmen Flores testified for SOS.

#### **Business Organization Code—Partnerships and LLCs**

Substantive and technical amendments to the BOC affecting partnerships and limited liabilities companies developed by the BLS BOC Drafting Committee.

<u>HB 2144</u> (Oliviera)/<u>SB 859</u> (Eltife)—House bill referred to House B&I and is set for a hearing on Tuesday, March 24. A witness team is being confirmed. Senate B&C voted out a committee substitute with minor corrections. Lori Ann Fox, Greg Odegaard and Carmen Flores were the witness team on this bill as well.

#### **Uniform Commercial Code—Chapter 1**

Modifies the definition of a "person" to include "particular series of a for-profit entity" in Chapter 1 of the Business and Commerce Code.

<u>HB 3434</u> (Parker)/ <u>SB 1077</u> (Eltife) — House bill has been referred to B&I. Senate bill will be heard in Senate B&C on Tuesday, March 24, with Karen Neeley testifying on behalf of TBLF.

#### **B** -- Business Courts

#### **Chancery Court**

<u>HB 1603</u> (Villalba) – Creates a chancery court system in Texas to handle specific business litigation. Referred to B&I and is set for hearing on Tuesday, March 24. Byron Egan will testify on behalf of the TBLF.

#### **C -- Business Entities**

#### **Trusts**

<u>HB 3762</u> (Elkins)—Amends Section 101.003 of the Property Code to permit a settlor of an express trust to designate the trust as a "business purpose trust" in the trust instrument, so that the trust can be considered a legal organization and treated as a business trust.

<u>HB 2534</u> (Parker)/ <u>SB 875</u> (Eltife)—Enforces State Banking Commissioner regulation over "state trust companies." House bill was referred to Investments Committee. Senate Bill was referred to B&C.

#### **LLCs Charging Order**

SB 433 (Burton) – Amends the BOC to make Section 101.112, relating to member's membership interest subject to a charging order, applicable to both single-member limited liability companies and multiple-member limited liability companies. Referred to Senate B&C.

#### LP & PA Filing Requirements

HB 2891 (Otto)/ SB 1541 (Perry)—Adds limited partnerships and professional associations to Comptroller public information report filing requirements currently applicable to corporations and LLCs. Provides a corresponding exemption from SOS report or statement filing requirements. House bill referred to Ways and Means.

#### **Service of Process**

<u>HB 241</u> (Leach)—Provides a method of service of through a "social media presence." Pending in House Judiciary.

#### **Business Names**

<u>HB 2753</u> (Villalba)—Amends Section 5.053 of the BOC to adopt a "distinguishable" business name standard rather than the current "deceptively similar" standard. Conforms to the trend in most states and the MCBA. Supported by the SOS. Referred to B&I.

SB 1973 (V. Taylor)—Intended to be Senate companion of HB 2753, but not considered an official companion due to drafting error.

<u>SB 1313</u> (Watson)—Amends section 5.053 of the BOC to permit the use of a notarized consent to avoid application of the current business name standard. Referred to B&C.

#### **Non-profit Corporations**

HB 3479 (Oliveira)/ SB 1233 (L. Taylor)—Adds new provisions to Chapter 22 of the BOC authorizing distributions of income to non-profit corporation members. House bill referred to B&I. Senate bill referred to B&C.

#### D -- UCC

Awaiting the filing of additional bills and identification as to relevancy.

#### **E** -- Securities

#### Crowdfunding

<u>HB 1629</u> (Johnson)—Directs the State Securities Board to create crowd funding provisions for non-profits and government entities that provide small business and economic development loans. Referred to Investments and Financial Services.

<u>HB 2580</u> (Johnson)—Requires the State Securities Board to promulgate rules regularly, facilitates online intrastate crowdfunding and provides requirements and standards. Referred to Investments and Financial Services.

<u>HB 3425</u> (Parker)—Establishes intrastate exchange on which crowd funding and other federal exempted offerings could be offered. Referred to Investments and Financial Services.

#### **Insider Trading by Public Officials**

<u>HB 1539</u> (Meyer)–Increases criminal penalties based on threshold pecuniary gain amounts for public officials convicted of insider trading. Referred to General Investigating and Ethics.

SB 111 (V. Taylor)—Identical to HB 1539, but not an official companion. Referred to State Affairs.

#### **State Securities Board**

<u>HB 2493</u> (Parker)—Provides for the SDSI status for the State Securities Board as state agency, and adds internal operating requirements and powers. Referred to Investments and Financial Services

#### **F** -- Financial Institutions

#### **Dodd-Frank**

<u>HCR 26</u> (Flynn)—Requests Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Referred to Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility.

#### **G** -- Business Liability

#### **Human Trafficking**

HB 968 (Hernandez)/ SB 1848 (Garcia) – Applies to certain legal entities under the BOC and would make a shareholder or member of an entity jointly liable under Sec. 98.002 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code for damages arising from trafficking of a person if the shareholder or member caused or had knowledge of the entity to be used for trafficking. The bill is modeled after Section 21.223 (b) of the Business and Commerce Code regarding existing lawsuit liability for shareholders in fraud cases. Hernandez accepted TBLF language in a committee substitute to better mirror existing state law. Heard in House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence on March 10 and voted out as amended.

#### **Shareholder Oppression**

<u>HB 3168</u> (Simmons) — Amends Chapter 21 of the BOC to provide remedies for shareholder oppression in closely held corporations, apparently overturning the Supreme Court's decision in *Ritchie v. Rupe*.

#### H -- Real Estate and Related Topics

#### **Power of Attorney**

HB 3095 (Thompson) –The REPTL POA bill. The POA committee is reviewing the 58-page bill.

#### **I -- Taxation and Related Topics**

Reducing business taxes is a primary issue for the Republican leadership.

#### Franchise Tax

<u>SB 7</u> (Nelson)—Would permanently reduce the franchise tax rate to 0.85 percent for most taxpayers and 0.425 percent for retailers and wholesalers. Referred to Senate Finance and heard on March 3 and 4. Finance voted out a committee substitute that extends the cuts to the easy file calculation rate, adds a simpler calculation and lowers the calculation rate to .331%. Placed on Senate Intent Calendar.

<u>SB 8</u> (Schwertner)—Would increase the franchise tax exemption to businesses earning \$4 million or less in total annual revenue. Referred to Senate Finance and heard on March 3 and 4, and voted out on March 17. Placed on Senate Intent Calendar.

#### **Occupation Tax**

HB 2089 (Darby) / SB 765 (Eltife)—Repeals the \$200 annual licensing fee imposed on a variety of occupations, including attorneys. House Bill was referred to Licensing and Regulation. The Senate Bill is pending in Senate Finance. TBLF registered in support of this legislation.

#### J -- Choice of Law

#### **Application of Foreign and International Law**

Efforts to restrict the impact in Texas courts of certain perceived repugnant foreign laws or doctrines, or so called "Anti-Sharia" laws, continue. Several bills have been filed impacting foreign judgment enforcement, and contractual choice of law and venue provisions.

HB 562 (Leach)/ SB 531 (Campbell)—Narrows the application to marriages, suits for dissolution of a marriage and suits relating to a parent-child relationship. The House bill has been referred to the House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee and is set for a hearing on Tuesday, March 24. Communications with Leach on TBLF amendments are underway. The Senate bill has been referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee.

## SBOT BUSINESS LAW SECTION LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT

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#### A - Section Prepared

HB 2142 Oliveira, Rene(D) Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.

business transactions

**Companions:** SB 860 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)

3-17-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and

Commerce

**Bill History:** 03-24-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P M. OR

ADJ., E2.016 - House Business and Industry

HB 2144 Oliveira, Rene(D) Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.

Companions: SB 859 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)

3-17-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History:	03-24-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P M. OR ADJ., E2.016 - House Business and Industry
HB 3434 Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.
Companions:	SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 3-24-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.016, Senate Business and Commerce
Bill History:	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
SB 859 Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.
Companions:	HB 2144 Oliveira, Rene (Identical)
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**B** - Business Courts

HB 1603	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to the creation of the chancery court
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and the court of chancery appeals to hear

certain cases.

Bill History: 03-24-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P M. OR

ADJ., E2.016 - House Business and Industry

#### **C** - Business Entities

HB 241 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to substituted service of citation

through a social media presence.

03-10-15 H Committee action pending House Bill History:

Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 1120 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to creation of entities affiliated with

a church organized as a nonprofit

corporation.

Bill History: 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to

committee on House Business and Industry

HB 1806 Tinderholt, Tony (F)(R) Relating to service of process in this state.

> Companions: HB (Identical)

Schofield, Mike (F) 3459

> 3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and

Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to

committee on House Judiciary and Civil

Jurisprudence

HB 2207 Keffer, Jim(R) Relating to the foreclosure sale of property

subject to oil or gas lease.

Companions: SB Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 1384

> 3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Bill History: 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to

committee on House Energy Resources

HB 2534 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.

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HB 2891	Otto, John(R)		ing to certain reporting le entities.	g requirements	for
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HB 3308	Flynn, Dan(R)		ing to the regulation o anies.	f state trust	
	Bill History:	comm	-15 H Introduced and littee on House Investr cial Services		
HB 3459	Schofield, Mike (F)(R)	Relat	ing to service of proce	ss in this state.	
	Companions:	HB 1806	Tinderholt, Tony (F)	(Identic	al)
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HB 3762	Elkins, Gary(R)	Relating to the designation of a trust as a business purpose trust.	
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Filed	
SB 433	Burton, Konni (F)(R)	Relating to a membership interest in a limited liability company subject to a charging order.	
	Bill History:	02-09-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce	
SB 500	Burton, Konni (F)(R)	Relating to self-settled asset protection trusts.	
	Bill History:	02-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	
SB 875	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.	
	Companions:	HB 2534 Parker, Tan (Identical) 3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services	
	Bill History:	03-24-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.016 - Senate Business and Commerce	
SB 1233	Taylor, Larry(R)	Relating to authorizing certain distributions of income from a nonprofit corporation to members of the corporation who are certain nonprofit corporations.	
	Companions:	HB 3479 Oliveira, Rene (Identical) 3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry	
	Bill History:	03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce	
SB 1313	Watson, Kirk(D)	Relating to the names of certain businesses.	
	Bill History:	03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce	

SB 1384	Eltife, Kevin(R)		to the foreclosure s to oil or gas lease.	sale of property
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**Bill History:** 03-24-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.016 - Senate Business and Commerce

#### **E** - Securities

HB 1539	Meyer, Morgan (F)(R)	Relating to increasing the criminal penalties in certain circumstances for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.	
	Bill History:	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House General Investigating and Ethics	
HB 1560	Hernandez, Ana(D)	Relating to investment options for property recovered in a suit by a next friend or guardian ad litem on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person.	
	Bill History:	03-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	
HB 2493	Parker, Tan(R)	Related to self-directed and semi- independent status of the State Securities Board.	
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services	
HB 2580	Johnson, Eric(D)	Relating to crowdfunding portal regulations.	
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services	
HB 3425	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the creation of a intrastate investment market for purposes of trading securities issued under the intrastate crowdfunding exemption from federal securities laws.	
	Bill History:	03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services	
HB 3723	Workman, Paul(R)	Relating to the regulation of secondary market transactions related to the business of life settlements.	

Companions: SB (Identical) Hinojosa, Chuy 1061 3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce Bill History: 03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance SB 111 Taylor, Van (F)(R) Relating to the criminal penalties for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants. 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to **Bill History:** committee on Senate State Affairs SB 1061 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the regulation of secondary market transactions related to the business of life settlements. Companions: HB Workman, Paul (Identical) 3723 3-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance Bill History: 03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce F - Financial Institutions HB 146 (Menendez, Jose)(D) Relating to requiring photo identification for certain credit card purchases. Bill History: 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services HB 149 (Menendez, Jose)(D) Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases. SB 1778 Menendez, Jose (F) Companions: (Identical) 3-13-15 S Filed Bill History: 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and **Financial Services** 

McClendon, Ruth Jones(D) Relating to certain extensions of consumer

credit facilitated by a credit access business

HB 371

		for certain military personnel or their dependents.
	Bill History:	02-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 411	Turner, Chris(D)	Relating to prohibiting telemarketing calls by a credit access business.
	Bill History:	03-10-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
HB 483	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the establishment and administration of a state bullion depository.
	Bill History:	03-25-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services
HB 704	Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to disclosures on selection or modification of an account by a customer of a financial institution.
	Companions:	SB 1791 Ellis, Rodney (Identical) 3-13-15 S Filed
	Bill History:	02-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 705	Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.
	Companions:	SB 1792 Ellis, Rodney (Identical) 3-13-15 S Filed
	Bill History:	03-17-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 852	Sanford, Scott(R)	Relating to the creation of a joint interim committee to study and make recommendations regarding the storage of biometric identifiers.
	Bill History:	03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Transparency and Operation
HB 1020	Giddings, Helen(D)	Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.

Companions: SB 121

West, Royce

(Identical)

1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to	
committee on Senate Business and	
Commerce	

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 1029	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to trusts.
	Companions:	SB 387 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical) 3-23-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs
	Bill History:	03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 1333	Naishtat, Elliott(D)	Relating to a request for a customer record of a financial institution for guardianship purposes.
	Bill History:	03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services
HB 1626	Johnson, Eric(D)	Relating to the designation of certain areas as banking development districts to encourage the establishment of financial institution branches in those areas.
	Bill History:	03-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 1628	Johnson, Eric(D)	Relating to authorizing a credit union or other financial institution to conduct savings promotion raffles.
	Bill History:	03-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 2166	Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit access businesses.
	Bill History:	03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 2273	Turner, Chris(D)	Relating to a contract or other agreement between certain governmental entities and a credit services organization or credit access

business.

Bill History:	03-03-15 H Filed
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HB 2394 Darby, Drew(R)	Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.
Companions:	SB 926 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)
	3- 9-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
Bill History:	03-25-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services
HB 2676 Stephenson, Phil(R)	Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.
Companions:	SB 899 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
	3-24-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.016, Senate Business and Commerce
Bill History:	03-25-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services
HB 2808 White, James(R)	Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.
Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 3047 Craddick, Tom(R)	Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.
Bill History:	03-11-15 H Filed
HB 3094 Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner.
Companions:	SB 1282 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
	3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to
	committee on Senate Business and Commerce

HB 3442	Raney, John(R)	Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.
	Companions:	SB 641 Schwertner, Charles (Identical) 3-17-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce
	Bill History:	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 3478	Elkins, Gary(R)	Relating to a breach of system security of a business that exposes consumer credit card or debit card information.
	Bill History:	03-12-15 H Filed
HB 3536	Landgraf, Brooks (F)(R)	Relating to the appointment of the commissioners of certain financial regulatory agencies by the Finance Commission of Texas.
	Companions:	SB 657 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 3-17-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce
	Bill History:	03-25-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services
HB 3555	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to certain administrative procedures and enforcement authority relating to state banks, state trust companies, and bank holding companies.
	Companions:	SB 1549 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 3-12-15 S Filed
	Bill History:	03-20-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 3599	Turner, Chris(D)	Relating to the sale of collateral in connection with certain extensions of consumer credit that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.
	Bill History:	03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3617	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the establishment of a business investment fund in this state.	
	Bill History:	03-12-15 H Filed	
HB 3638	Turner, Chris(D)	Relating to reports for credit access businesses required by the consumer credit commissioner.	
	Bill History:	03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services	
HB 3811	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to extensions of consumer credit in the form of a deferred presentment transaction that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.	
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Filed	
HB 3812	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to extensions of consumer credit in the form of a motor vehicle title loan that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.	
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Filed	
HB 3824	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the regulation of certain short-term consumer loans.	
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Filed	
HB 3873	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, the consumer credit commissioner, and the duties of the consumer credit commissioner, including the regulation of credit access businesses.	
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Filed	
HB 4020	Raymond, Richard(D)	Relating to the security of certain financial information and liability for certain security breaches.	
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Filed	
HCR 26	Flynn, Dan(R)	Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.	
	Bill History:	03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Select on State/Federal Power Responsibility	

SB 91	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to a restriction on charges charged for certain extensions of consumer credit that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.
	Bill History:	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 92	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to regulation of certain credit services organizations and to certain extensions of consumer credit the organizations obtain for a consumer or assist a consumer in obtaining.
	Bill History:	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 121	West, Royce(D)	Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.
	Companions:	HB 1020 Giddings, Helen (Identical) 3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
	Bill History:	01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 387	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to trusts.
	Companions:	HB 1029 Wray, John (F) (Identical)
		3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
	Bill History:	03-23-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate State Affairs
SB 641	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.
	Companions:	HB 3442 Raney, John (Identical)
		3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
	Bill History:	03-17-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 657	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the appointment of the commissioners of certain financial regulatory agencies by the Finance Commission of Texas.
	Companions:	HB 3536 Landgraf, Brooks (F) (Identical) 3-25-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028, House Investments and Financial Services
	Bill History:	03-17-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 899	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.
	Companions:	HB 2676 Stephenson, Phil (Identical) 3-25-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028, House Investments and Financial Services
	Bill History:	03-24-15 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.016 - Senate Business and Commerce
SB 926	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.
	Companions:	HB 2394 Darby, Drew (Identical) 3-25-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028, House Investments and Financial Services
	Bill History:	03-09-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1282	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner.
	Companions:	HB 3094 Parker, Tan (Identical) 3-11-15 H Filed
	Bill History:	03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1323	Menendez, Jose (F)(D)	Relating to fees paid to certain credit services organizations in connection with certain extensions of consumer credit.

	Bill History:	03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1549	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to certain administrative procedures and enforcement authority relating to state banks, state trust companies, and bank holding companies.
	Companions:	HB 3555 Parker, Tan (Identical)
		3-20-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
	Bill History:	03-12-15 S Filed
SB 1650	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.
	Bill History:	03-13-15 S Filed
SB 1778	Menendez, Jose (F)(D)	Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases.
	Companions:	HB 149 (Menendez, Jose) (Identical) 2- 9-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
	Bill History:	03-13-15 S Filed
SB 1791	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to disclosures on selection or modification of an account by a customer of a financial institution.
	Companions:	HB 704 Farrar, Jessica (Identical) 2-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
	Bill History:	03-13-15 S Filed
SB 1792	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.
	Companions:	HB 705 Farrar, Jessica (Identical) 3-17-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 03-13-15 S Filed

#### **G** - Business Liability

**HB 94** Gonzalez, Mary(D) Relating to a database of employers

penalized for failure to pay wages or

convicted of certain offenses involving wage

theft.

Companions: SB Garcia, Sylvia

(Identical) 753

> 3- 2-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Bill History: 03-17-15 H Committee action pending House

Business and Industry

HB 162 Gonzalez, Mary(D) Relating to administrative penalties assessed

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by the Texas Workforce Commission against certain employers for failure to pay wages.

Companions:

SB Rodriguez, Jose

(Identical)

1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural

Resources and Economic Develop

02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to Bill History:

committee on House Business and Industry

HB 187 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to unlawful employment practices

regarding discrimination in payment of

compensation.

Companions: SB Ellis, Rodney (Identical)

1-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

**Bill History:** 03-10-15 H Committee action pending House

Business and Industry

HB 247 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to limits on certain actions arising

out of attorney's fee agreements.

Bill History: 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to

committee on House Judiciary and Civil

Jurisprudence

HB 610	Davis, Sarah(R)	Relating to the statute of limitations for an action on a credit card account.
	Bill History:	03-03-15 H Not heard in committee House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 968	Hernandez, Ana(D)	Relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.
	Companions:	SB 1848 Garcia, Sylvia (Identical) 3-13-15 S Filed
	Bill History:	03-17-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 1515	Canales, Terry(D)	Relating to the consideration by employers of the consumer credit reports or other credit information of employees and applicants for employment.
	Bill History:	03-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
HB 1777	Giddings, Helen(D)	Relating to prohibiting an employer from accessing the personal online accounts of employees and job applicants through electronic communication devices.
	Bill History:	03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
HB 1799	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 2183	Leach, Jeff(R)	Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.
	Bill History:	03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 2590	Johnson, Eric(D)	Relating to providing a remedy for fraud committed in certain real estate and stock transactions.
	Bill History:	03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

HB 2898	Davis, Sarah(R)	Relating to certain procedures, civil penalties,
2000	22.13, 22.2()	and remedies under the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.
	Bill History:	03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 3168	Simmons, Ron(R)	Relating to remedies for oppression of minority shareholders by directors of closely held corporations.
	Bill History:	03-11-15 H Filed
SB 65	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.
	Companions:	Thompson, Senfronia (Identical) 3-10-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
	Bill History:	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop
SB 152	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to administrative penalties assessed by the Texas Workforce Commission against certain employers for failure to pay wages.
	Companions:	HB 162 Gonzalez, Mary (Identical) 2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
	Bill History:	01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop
SB 753	Garcia, Sylvia(D)	Relating to a database of employers penalized for failure to pay wages or convicted of certain offenses involving wage theft.
	Companions:	HB 94 Gonzalez, Mary (Identical) 3-17-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
	Bill History:	03-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 1848 Garcia, Sylvia(D) Relating to civil liability of shareholders and

members of certain legal entities that engage

in the trafficking of persons.

Companions: HB Herna

968 Hernandez, Ana

(Identical)

3-17-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 03-13-15 S Filed

#### H - Real Estate/Related Topics

HB 703 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that

transfers real property at the transferor's

death.

**Companions:** SB 462 Huffman, Joan (Identical)

3-16-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Bill History:** 03-17-15 H Committee action pending House

Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 971 Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to requirements governing officers

and directors of condominium unit owners'

associations and property owners'

associations.

**Bill History:** 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to

committee on House Business and Industry

HB 1239 Walle, Amando(D) Relating to the provision of accounting

statements by mortgage servicers for certain loans secured by a lien on residential real

property.

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to

committee on House Investments and

Financial Services

HB 1726 Oliveira, Rene(D) Relating to a study by the consumer credit

commissioner regarding payment by mortgage lenders of property tax loans.

**Bill History:** 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to

committee on House Investments and

Financial Services

HB 1936 Oliveira, Rene(D) Relating to notice by a property owner to a mortgage servicer that the owner intends to

enter	into	а	contract	with	а	property tax	

lender.

**Bill History:** 03-24-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P M. OR ADJ., E2.016 - House Business and Industry

HB 2418	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to decedents' estates.	
	Companions:	SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical) 3-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	
HB 2428	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.	
	Companions:	SB 994 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical) 3-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	
HB 2817	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to fees and costs imposed by mortgagees or mortgage servicers for certain legal services performed by an attorney.	
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry	
HB 3095	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to durable powers of attorney and advance directives.	
	Bill History:	03-11-15 H Filed	
HB 3190	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to persons authorized to direct, consent to, or disapprove a trustee's decisions.	
	Bill History:	03-11-15 H Filed	
HB 3316	Miller, Doug(R)	Relating to the provision clarifying the timing of the provision of the Texas Probate Code relating to durable power of attorney.	
	Bill History:	03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	

Huffman, Joan(R) SB 462 Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death. Companions: HB (Identical) Farrar, Jessica 703 3-17-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence 03-16-15 S Recommended for Bill History: Local/Uncontested Calendar SB 994 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act. Companions: HB Wray, John (F) (Identical) 2428 3-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence 03-10-15 S Introduced and referred to Bill History: committee on Senate State Affairs SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to decedents' estates. Companions: HB (Identical) Wray, John (F) 2418 3-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence 03-10-15 S Introduced and referred to Bill History: committee on Senate State Affairs SB 1203 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to exemptions from the applicability of the Texas Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2009. 03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to **Bill History:** committee on Senate Business and Commerce

#### I - Taxation/Related Topics

HB 32 Bonnen, Dennis(R) Relating to decreasing the rates of the

franchise tax.

Companions: HB 1316 Bohac, Dwayne (Identical)

		3- 5-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 33	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to the EZ computation of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 79	Guillen, Ryan(D)	Relating to exemptions from the sales and use tax and the franchise tax for certain businesses during an initial period of operation in the state.
	Bill History:	02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 193	Murphy, Jim(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	02-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 250	Leach, Jeff(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	HB 552 Huberty, Dan (Identical) 2-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
	Bill History:	02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 321	Keough, Mark (F)(R)	A bill relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 358	Button, Angie(R)	Relating to the inclusion of the costs of accepting credit and debit cards in the cost of goods sold for purposes of computing the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	02-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 419	Wu, Gene(D)	Relating to federal income tax liability for certain damages awarded in certain civil actions.

	Bill History:	02-19	-15 H Introduced and I	referred to
		comm	ittee on House Judiciar rudence	
HB 525 Riddle, I	Debbie(R)		ing to a franchise tax concertain employees.	redit for wages
	Bill History:		-15 H Introduced and i ittee on House Ways a	
HB 552 Huberty	, Dan(R)		ing to the phaseout an	d repeal of the
	Companions:	HB 250	Leach, Jeff 2-11-15 H Introduced committee on House	
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HB 668 Farney,	Marsha(R)		ing to the franchise tax in taxable entities.	liability of
	Bill History:		-15 H Introduced and i ittee on House Ways a	
HB 850 Goldman	n, Craig(R)	Relati	ing to the repeal of the	franchise tax.
HB 850 Goldman	n, Craig(R)  Companions:	Relati	Estes, Craig	(Identical)
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	Bill History:	03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 1152	Turner, Scott(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	SB 138 Perry, Charles (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
	Bill History:	03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1314	Bohac, Dwayne(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1315	Bohac, Dwayne(R)	Relating to temporary permissive alternate rates for the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1316	Bohac, Dwayne(R)	Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	HB 32 Bonnen, Dennis (Identical) 3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
	Bill History:	03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1962	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the franchise tax and alternative revenue sources and spending priorities for this state.
	Companions:	SB 186 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
	Bill History:	03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1974	Keffer, Jim(R)	Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to phase out the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 2089	Darby, Drew(R)	Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.

Companions:	SB 765 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance				
Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures				
HB 2111 Sheets, Kenneth(R)	Relating to an exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for certain businesses owned by veterans during an initial period of operation in the state.				
Companions:	Campbell, Donna (Identical) 3-11-15 S Introduced and referred to				
Bill History:	committee on Senate Finance  03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means				
HB 2114 Murphy, Jim(R)	Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax and the tax on combative sports events.				
Companions:	SB 752 Bettencourt, Paul (F) (Identical) 3-19-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for				
Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means				
HB 2331 Metcalf, Will (F)(R)	Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.				
Companions:	SB 330 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance				
Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means				
HB 2456 Schubert, Leighton (F)(R)	Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.				
Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means				
HB 2891 Otto, John(R)	Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.				
Companions:	SB 1541 Perry, Charles (F) (Identical) 3-12-15 S Filed				
Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means				

HB 2940	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the determination of compensation for purposes of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 3399	Stephenson, Phil(R)	Relating to franchise tax payments and reports.
	Bill History:	03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 3471	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to the taxable entities from which no franchise tax payments are due for a period.
	Bill History:	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 3482	Bonnen, Dennis(R)	Relating to the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HCR 27	Stephenson, Phil(R)	Urging the U.S. Congress to abolish the current income-based system of taxation and to enact a national retail sales tax, and urging repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment.
	Bill History:	03-04-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Select on State/Federal Power Responsibility
HJR 19	Meyer, Morgan (F)(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring any increase in a rate of the franchise tax be approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the legislature.
	Bill History:	02-17-15 H Filed
HJR 80	Metcalf, Will (F)(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment
		concerning the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.
	Companions:	SJR 23 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
	Bill History:	03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 95	Meyer, Morgan (F)(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring any increase in a franchise tax rate

to be approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the legislature.

	Bill History:	02-26-15 H Filed
SB 7	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-17-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Finance
SB 8	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-23-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for
SB 52	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 105	Estes, Craig(R)	Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	HB 850 Goldman, Craig (Identical) 3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means SB 175 Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical) 1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to
		committee on Senate Finance
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 134	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 138	Perry, Charles (F)(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	HB 1152 Turner, Scott (Identical) 3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

SB 175	Huffines, Donald (F)(R)	Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.			
	Companions:	HB 850	Goldman, Craig	(Identical)	
		030	3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means		
		SB 105	Estes, Craig	(Identical)	
		103	3- 3-15 S Committee Senate Finance	action pending	
	Bill History:	01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance			
SB 186	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	rever	Relating to the franchise tax and alternative revenue sources and spending priorities for this state.		
	Companions:	HB 1962	Parker, Tan	(Identical)	
		1302	3-12-15 H Introduce committee on House		
	Bill History:		-15 S Committee action e Finance	on pending	
SB 330	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relat tax.	Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.		
	Companions:	HB 2331	Metcalf, Will (F) 3-16-15 H Introduce committee on House		
	Bill History:		-15 S Committee action e Finance	on pending	
SB 331	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.			
	Companions:	HB 1134	Metcalf, Will (F)	(Identical)	
		1134	3- 3-15 H Introduced committee on House		
	Bill History:		-15 S Committee action e Finance	on pending	
SB 752	Bettencourt, Paul (F)(R)	Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax and the tax on combative sports events.			
	Companions:	HB 2114	Murphy, Jim	(Identical)	
			3-13-15 H Introduce committee on House		

	Bill History:	03-19-15 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for			
SB 756	Taylor, Van (F)(R)	Relating to the determination of cost of goods sold for purposes of computing the franchise tax.			
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance			
SB 765	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.			
	Companions:	HB 2089 Darby, Drew (Identical)			
		3-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures			
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance			
SB 1049	Campbell, Donna(R)	Relating to an exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for certain businesses owned by veterans during an initial period of operation in the state.			
	Companions:	HB 2111 Sheets, Kenneth (Identical)			
		3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means			
	Bill History:	03-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance			
SB 1179	Huffines, Donald (F)(R)	Relating to abolishing certain occupational licensing requirements and associated regulations.  03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce			
	Bill History:				
SB 1541	Perry, Charles (F)(R)	Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.			
	Companions:	HB 2891 Otto, John (Identical)			
		3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means			
	Bill History:	y: 03-12-15 S Filed			

**SJR 23** Creighton, Brandon (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment

concerning the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of

state franchise taxes.

Companions: **HJR** Metcalf, Will (F)

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(Identical)

3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

**Bill History:** 03-03-15 S Committee action pending

Senate Finance

#### J - Choice of Law

HB 562 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the application of foreign laws

and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child

relationship in this state.

Companions: SB Campbell, Donna (Identical) 531

2-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Bill History:** 03-24-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR

ADJ., E2.026 - House Judiciary and Civil

Jurisprudence

HB 670 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to the application of foreign laws

and foreign forum selection in this state.

Bill History: 03-24-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR

ADJ., E2.026 - House Judiciary and Civil

Jurisprudence

HB 828 Zedler, Bill(R) Relating to the application of foreign and

> international laws and doctrines in this state and requiring a court of this state to uphold and apply certain laws, including the doctrine

requiring courts to refrain.

Bill History: 02-23-15 H Introduced and referred to

committee on House Judiciary and Civil

Jurisprudence

HB 899 Fallon, Pat(R) Relating to the application of foreign laws

and foreign forum selection in certain family

law proceedings.

	Bill History:	02-26-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence		
HB 3943	Rinaldi, Matt (F)(R)	Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.		
	Companions:	SB 1090	Hall, Bob (F)	(Identical)
			3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Filed		
SB 531	Campbell, Donna(R)	Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.		
	Companions:	502	Leach, Jeff 3-24-15 H Meeting DR ADJ., E2.026, H Civil Jurisprudence	
	Bill History:	02-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs		
SB 1090	Hall, Bob (F)(R)	Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child		

relationship in this state.

Companions: HB 3943 Rinaldi, Matt (F) (Identical) 3-13-15 H Filed

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