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TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
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With less than 40 days remaining in the Legislative session, tension is growing between the two chambers as bills bottleneck once they reach the other side of the building. Exasperating the situation was a blow up between Governor Abbott, Lt. Governor Patrick and Speaker Straus over pre-k funding.

Very few Senate bills have been referred to committee in the House and almost no House bills in the Senate have been referred, snagging the usual process of substituting companion bills that have already passed both sides. Even the Governor's emergency items are caught in the log jam. The House leadership called out the Senate for passing its own version of the border security measure, instead of amending the House's version passed several weeks ago.

With respect to appropriations, the House and Senate have appointed budget conferees to reconcile differences. The conference committee will produce a final version that each chamber will have to approve.

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](#) (Eltime)—House bill was set on House Calendar for Wednesday, April 15, and then postponed until April 29. The postponement will permit the Senate bill to be heard by B&I and ultimately substituted for the House bill on the House floor. The Senate bill passed the Senate and has been referred to the B&I in the House.

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.

[HB 2144](#) (Oliviera)/[SB 859](#) (Eltife) — House B&I voted out the committee substitute addressing minor corrections. The Senate bill passed the Senate and was referred to B&I in the House.

Uniform Commercial Code—Chapter 1

Modifies the definition of a “person” to include a series LLC.

[HB 3434](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1077](#) (Eltife) — House bill was heard and remains pending in B&I on April 14. The Senate bill passed the Senate and is awaiting committee referral in the House.

B -- Business Courts

Chancery Court

[HB 1603](#) (Villalba) – Creates a chancery court system in Texas to handle specific business litigation. B&I recalled the bill, and re-voted it out, again on 4-3 vote. The move was necessary to correct a procedural defect that would expose the bill to a point of order. The previous committee adopted three amendments, as follows, which remain in tact: 1) establishing an amount in controversy for a qualified transaction at \$10 million; 2) increasing the general amount in controversy from \$1 million to \$10 million; and 3) requiring severance for DTPA, Estates Code, Family Code, and trust actions. Opposition continues from TTLA, ABOTA, and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel. The process moves to the Calendars Committee.

C -- Business Entities

Trusts

[HB 3762](#) (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. Referred to B&I.

[HB 2534](#) (Parker)/ [SB 875](#) (Eltife)—Enforces State Banking Commissioner regulation over “state trust companies.” House bill was referred to Investments Committee. Senate Bill passed the Senate and is awaiting committee referral in the House.

LLC Charging Orders

[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 passed Ways and Means. Senate bill referred to B&C.

ULEMA

[HB 1799](#) (S. Thompson)—The Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act establishes the Legislative Council (TLC) as the official electronic publisher of the Texas Constitution, session laws, statutes, and state agency rules beginning January 1, 2017. The bill requires TLC to verify the trustworthiness of all official electronic documents it publishes and makes the material available for public use. TBLF registered in support. Passed Judiciary Committee.

Service of Process

[HB 241](#) (Leach)—Provides a method of substituted service of citation through a “social media presence.” Texas Process Services Association testified in favor while the Justice of the Peace and Constables Association testified against. Pending in House Judiciary.

Business Names

[HB 2753](#) (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. Set on House Calendar for April 28.

[SB 1973](#) (V. Taylor)—Intended to be Senate companion of HB 2753, but not considered an official companion due to drafting error. Referred to B&C.

[SB 1313](#) (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. Passed the Senate.

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 pending in B&I. Senate bill passed B&C.

D -- UCC

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

E -- Securities

Crowdfunding

[HB 1629](#) (Johnson)—Directs the State Securities Board to promulgate rules regulating and facilitating crowdfunding in connection with non-profit and government loans for small business and community development purposes. Pending in Investments and Financial Services.

[HB 2580](#) (Johnson)—Requires the State Securities Board to promulgate rules regulating and facilitating online intrastate crowdfunding. Provides numerous restrictions and qualifications. Referred to Investments and Financial Services.

[HB 3425](#) (Parker)—Establishes an intrastate exchange in which crowdfunding and other federal exempted offerings can be traded. Pending in Investments and Financial Services. John Fahy has communicated concerns with the bill to Chairman Parker's staff.

Insider Trading by Public Officials

[HB 1539](#) (Meyer)—Increases criminal penalties based on threshold pecuniary gain amounts for public officials convicted of insider trading. Set on House Calendar April 29.

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

Securities Licenses

[HB 2484](#) (Schaefer)—Amends Title 2 of the Occupations Code to require state agencies to waive education, training, experience and examination requirements for obtaining an occupational license if an applicant holds a substantially equivalent license in another state. Applies to securities licenses. Referred to Licensing.

[HB 3981](#) (Darby)—Would allow an occupational license holder the choice to have an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings render the final decision in a contested case instead of the head of the agency granting the occupational license. Referred to Licensing.

State Securities Board

[HB 2493](#) (Parker)—Provides for the SDSI status for the State Securities Board as state agency, and adds internal operating requirements and powers. Postponed on House Calendar until April 28.

F -- Financial Institutions

Dodd-Frank

[HCR 26](#) (Flynn)—Requests Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Passed the Select Committee in State and Federal Power and Responsibility.

Consumer Credit Transactions

[HB 3094](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1282](#) (Elitfe)—Finance Code amendments relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner. Language addressing TBLF and other concerns will be inserted in the final version. The House bill remains pending in Investments and Financial Services. Senate bill placed on Senate Intent Calendar.

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. House Judiciary voted out the bill as amended. Senate bill, which contains TBLF amendment, is set for a hearing on April 28 in State Affairs.

Shareholder Oppression

[HB 3168](#) (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*. Heard on April 14 in B&I with TBLF opposition. Mike Godfrey registered as the TBLF witness and met with Rep. Simmons' staff on TBLF concerns with the bill. Rep. Villalba, the TBLF lobby team and Byron Egan met with Rep. Simmons and Rep. Rinaldi to discuss concerns. Simmons is standing down on pushing the bill but indicated a desire for continuing discussion.

H -- Real Estate and Related Topics

Power of Attorney

[HB 3095](#) (S.Thompson) —The REPTL POA bill was heard Tuesday, April 21 in Judiciary with Kristi Elsom and Craig Hopper of the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar testifying in favor. Our TBLF witness, Scott Sheehan, and Mike Savas of Texas Land Title Association testified in opposition. Rep. Thompson directed REPTL to work with stakeholders to address concerns. Jackie Akins is spearheading a drafting team to work out the differences with REPTL. Pending in Judiciary.

I -- Taxation and Related Topics

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

Franchise Tax

[HB 32](#) (D. Bonnen)—Provides for an across-the-board 25 percent reduction in franchise tax rates and revises the “easy file” process and form. Set on House Calendar for April 28.

[SB 7](#) (Nelson)—Would permanently reduce the franchise tax rate to 0.85 percent for most taxpayers and 0.425 percent for retailers and wholesalers and modifies the “easy file” process by increasing application from \$10 million in total revenue to \$20 million, and by lowering the calculation rate from .575% to .331%. Passed the Senate and is awaiting committee referral in the House.

[SB 8](#) (Schwertner)—Would increase the franchise tax exemption to businesses earning \$4 million or less in total annual revenue. Passed the Senate and is awaiting committee referral in the House.

Occupation Tax

[HB 2089](#) (Darby)/ [HB 7](#) (Darby) / [SB 765](#) (Eltime)—Repeals the \$200 annual licensing fee imposed on a variety of occupations, including attorneys. HB 2089 passed the House. HB

2089 is also incorporated into HB 7 (a comprehensive fee reduction bill) which is set on House Calendar on April 27. The Senate Bill is pending in Senate Finance. TBLF registered in support of this legislation in all three committees.

Property Tax

[SB 1](#)/ [SJR 1](#) (Nelson)—Increases the homestead exemption for school district taxes from \$15,000 to 25 percent of Texas home median market value. Also ensures that real property conveyances can never be taxed. Passed the Senate and is awaiting committee referral in the House.

Sales Tax

[HB 31](#) (D. Bonnen)—Lowers the statewide sales tax rate from 6.25 percent to 5.59 percent. Would drop Texas sales tax ranking from 12th highest to 26th. Provides an average benefit of \$127 to Texas consumers. Set on the House Calendar for April 28.

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 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. Passed House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee. Leach indicated he will offer the TBLF proposed carve-out as a floor amendment. The Senate bill has been referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee.

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A - Section Prepared

HB 2142

Oliveira, Rene(D)

Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.

Companions:

[SB 860](#)

Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
4-23-15 H Referred to House
Committee on House Business and
Industry

Bill History:

04-15-15 H Postponed on second reading
until 8:00 a.m., Wednesday,
April 29, 2015

HB 2144	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.
Companions:		
SB 859	Eltife, Kevin	(Identical)
4-17-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Business and Industry		
Bill History:		
04-08-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar		
HB 3434	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.
Companions:		
SB 1077	Eltife, Kevin	(Identical)
4-10-15 H Received in the House		
Bill History:		
04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry		
SB 859	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.
Companions:		
HB 2144	Oliveira, Rene	(Identical)
4- 8-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar		
Bill History:		
04-17-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Business and Industry		
SB 860	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.
Companions:		
HB 2142	Oliveira, Rene	(Identical)
4-15-15 H Postponed on second reading until 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 29, 2015		
Bill History:		
04-23-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Business and Industry		
SB 1077	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.
Companions:		
HB 3434	Parker, Tan	(Identical)
4-14-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry		
Bill History:		
04-10-15 H Received in the House		

B - Business Courts

HB 1091	Schofield, Mike (F)(R)	Relating to the creation of a special three-judge district court.
Companions:	SB 455 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical) 4-23-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs	
Bill History:	04-24-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	

HB 1603	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to the creation of the chancery court and the court of chancery appeals to hear certain cases.
Bill History:	04-21-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry	

SB 455	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the creation of a special three-judge district court.
Companions:	HB 1091 Schofield, Mike (F) (Identical) 4-24-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	
Bill History:	04-23-15 S Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs	

C - Business Entities

HB 7	Darby, Drew(R)	Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.
Companions:	SB 1276 Nelson, Jane (Identical) 3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance	
Bill History:	04-27-15 H Set on the House Calendar	

HB 26	Button, Angie(R)	Relating to state economic development measures, including administration of the Texas Enterprise Fund, creation of the
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Economic Incentive Oversight Board,
abolishment of the Texas emerging
technology fund.

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 241 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to substituted service of citation
through a social media presence.

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee
on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 590 Elkins, Gary(R)

Relating to the creation of research
technology corporations by institutions of
higher education.

Bill History: 04-27-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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 1151 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to sexual harassment protection for
unpaid interns.

Bill History: 04-20-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 1799 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to the adoption of the Uniform
Electronic Legal Material Act.

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee
as substituted House Judiciary and Civil
Jurisprudence

HB 1806 Tinderholt, Tony (F)(R)

Relating to service of process in this state.

Companions: [HB 3459](#) Schofield, Mike (F) (Identical)
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 1384](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)

		3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop
	Bill History:	04-21-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Energy Resources
HB 2534	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
	Companions:	SB 875 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 4-10-15 H Received in the House
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 2753	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to the names of certain businesses.
	Bill History:	04-28-15 H Set on the House Calendar
HB 2891	Otto, John(R)	Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.
	Companions:	SB 1541 Perry, Charles (F) (Identical) 3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
	Bill History:	04-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Ways and Means
HB 3308	Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
	Bill History:	04-23-15 S Received in the Senate
HB 3459	Schofield, Mike (F)(R)	Relating to service of process in this state.
	Companions:	HB 1806 Tinderholt, Tony (F) (Identical) 3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
	Bill History:	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 3479	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to authorizing certain distributions of income from a nonprofit corporation to members of the corporation who are certain nonprofit corporations.

Companions: [SB 1233](#) Taylor, Larry (Identical)
4-20-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry

[HB 3762](#) Elkins, Gary(R) Relating to the designation of a trust as a business purpose trust.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

[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: 04-10-15 H Received in the House

[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)
4-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry

Bill History: 04-20-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

SB 1276 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.

Companions: HB 7 Darby, Drew (Identical)
4-27-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Bill History: 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 1313 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the names of certain businesses.

Bill History: 04-23-15 H Received in the House

SB 1384 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the foreclosure sale of property subject to oil or gas lease.

Companions: HB 2207 Keffer, Jim (Identical)
4-21-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Energy Resources

Bill History: 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 1541 Perry, Charles (F)(R) Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.

Companions: HB 2891 Otto, John (Identical)
4-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 1563 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the authority of the TexAmericas Center to incorporate a nonprofit corporation for certain purposes and to the tax treatment of such a nonprofit corporation.

Companions: HB 3548 VanDeaver, Gary (F) (Identical)
4-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Special Purpose Districts

Bill History: 04-22-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

SB 1973 Taylor, Van (F)(R) Relating to the names of certain businesses.

Bill History: 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

D - UCC

HB 3434 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Companions: SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
4-10-15 H Received in the House

Bill History: 04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Companions: HB 3434 Parker, Tan (Identical)
4-14-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

Bill History: 04-10-15 H Received in the House

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: 04-29-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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: 04-23-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:139/N: 0)

HB 1629 Johnson, Eric(D) Relating to crowdfunding portal regulation for the purpose of small business development.

Bill History: 04-01-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

HB 2484	Schaefer, Matt(R)	Relating to the issuance of occupational licenses to certain out-of-state applicants.
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures
HB 2493	Parker, Tan(R)	Related to self-directed and semi-independent status of the State Securities Board.
	Bill History:	04-21-15 H Postponed on second reading until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 28, 2015
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 3170	Schaefer, Matt(R)	Relating to the regulation of occupations by this state.
	Companions:	<div> <div>SB 1346</div> <div>Huffines, Donald (F)</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div> <div>3-18-15 S</div> <div>Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures
HB 3425	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the creation of an intrastate investment market for purposes of trading securities issued under the intrastate crowdfunding exemption from federal securities laws.
	Bill History:	04-01-15 H Committee action pending 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:	<div> <div>SB 1061</div> <div>Hinojosa, Chuy</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div> <div>3-16-15 S</div> <div>Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

HB 3981	Darby, Drew(R)	Relating to the final decision in a contested case regarding occupational licensing before a State Office of Administrative Hearings administrative law judge.
	Bill History:	03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures
SB 111	Taylor, Van (F)(R)	Relating to the criminal penalties for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.
	Bill History:	01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to 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:	<div> <div>HB 3723</div> <div>Workman, Paul</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1185	Huffines, Donald (F)(R)	Relating to a biennial study regarding occupational licensing requirements.
	Bill History:	04-09-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce
SB 1346	Huffines, Donald (F)(R)	Relating to the regulation of occupations by this state.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 3170</div> <div>Schaefer, Matt</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

F - Financial Institutions

HB 146	Ina Minjarez(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	Ina Minjarez(D)	Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases.
	Companions:	SB 1778 Menendez, Jose (F) (Identical) 3-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
	Bill History:	02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 371	McClendon, Ruth Jones(D)	Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by a credit access business for certain military personnel or their dependents.
	Bill History:	04-22-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services
HB 411	Turner, Chris(D)	Relating to prohibiting telemarketing calls by a credit access business.
	Bill History:	03-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry
HB 483	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the establishment and administration of a state bullion depository.
	Bill History:	04-06-15 H Reported favorably from committee on 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) 4-21-15 H Received in the House
	Bill History:	04-13-15 H Reported favorably from 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)
4-22-15 S Placed on the Senate
Calendar for

Bill History: 04-23-15 S Referred to Senate Committee
on Senate State Affairs

[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: 04-22-15 H Voted favorably from 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: 04-29-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M.,
E2.028 - House Investments and Financial
Services

[HB 1029](#) Wray, John (F)(R)

Relating to trusts.

Companions: [SB 387](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
4-10-15 H Received in the House

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: 04-22-15 H Removed from hearing 04/27/15
- 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: 04-20-15 H Reported from committee as
substituted 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:	04-20-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
HB 2166	Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit access businesses.
	Bill History:	04-22-15 H Committee action pending 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:	04-09-15 H Committee action pending House General Investigating and Ethics
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) 4-16-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce
	Bill History:	04-20-15 S Received in the Senate
HB 2676	Stephenson, Phil(R)	Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.
	Companions:	SB 899 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 4-10-15 H Received in the House
	Bill History:	04-06-15 H Reported favorably from committee on 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:	04-29-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.028 - 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: 04-29-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M.,
E2.028 - House Investments and Financial
Services

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)
4-23-15 H Received in the House

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee
as substituted House Investments and
Financial Services

HB 3442 Raney, John(R) Relating to debit card or stored value card
surcharges.

Companions: SB 641 Schwertner, Charles (Identical)
4-16-15 H Received in the House

Bill History: 04-23-15 H Postponed on second reading
until 9:00 a.m., Thursday,
April 30, 2015

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: 04-23-15 H Voted favorably from committee
as substituted House Business and Industry

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)
4-15-15 H Referred to House
Committee on House Investments and
Financial Services

Bill History: 04-20-15 S Received in the Senate

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)
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Business and
Commerce

Bill History: 04-20-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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: 04-29-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3617 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the establishment of a business investment fund in this state.

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3638 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to reports for credit access businesses required by the consumer credit commissioner.

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.028 - 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: 04-29-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

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: 04-29-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3824 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the regulation of certain short-term consumer loans.

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

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: 04-22-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

HB 4020 Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to the security of certain financial information and liability for certain security breaches.

Bill History: 04-21-15 H Not heard in committee House Business and Industry

HB 4120 Fallon, Pat(R)

Relating to money transmissions sent to destinations outside the United States.

Bill History: 04-08-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

HCR 26 Flynn, Dan(R)

Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Bill History: 04-15-15 H Voted favorably from 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)
4-29-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.028, 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: 04-10-15 H Received in the House

SB 641 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.

Companions: [HB 3442](#) Raney, John (Identical)
4-23-15 H Postponed on second reading until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 30, 2015

Bill History: 04-16-15 H Received in the House

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)
4-20-15 S Received in the Senate

Bill History: 04-15-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services

SB 899 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.

Companions: [HB 2676](#) Stephenson, Phil (Identical)
4- 6-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Investments and Financial Services

Bill History: 04-10-15 H Received in the House

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)
4-20-15 S Received in the Senate

Bill History: 04-16-15 S Committee action pending
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)
4-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Investments and Financial Services

Bill History: 04-23-15 H Received in the House

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)
4-20-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Bill History: 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 1650 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.

Bill History: 04-09-15 S Committee action pending
Senate Business and Commerce

SB 1778 Menendez, Jose (F)(D) Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases.

Companions: [HB 149](#) Ina Minjarez (Identical)
2- 9-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

Bill History: 03-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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)
4-13-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 04-21-15 H Received in the House

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)
4-23-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 04-22-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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 753](#) Garcia, Sylvia (Identical)
3- 2-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Bill History: 03-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

HB 162 Gonzalez, Mary(D) Relating to administrative penalties assessed by the Texas Workforce Commission against certain employers for failure to pay wages.

Companions: [SB 152](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry

HB 187 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.

Companions: SB 65 Ellis, Rodney (Identical)
1-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Bill History: 04-21-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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)
4-27-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 03-25-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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: 04-28-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.016 - 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: 04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

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: 04-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

HB 2898 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to certain procedures, civil penalties, 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: 04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

SB 65 Ellis, Rodney(D)

Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.

Companions: [HB 187](#) Thompson, Senfronia (Identical)
4-21-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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)
4-22-15 H Voted favorably from 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)
3-31-15 H Reported from committee as substituted 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 968](#) Hernandez, Ana (Identical)
3-25-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Bill History: 04-27-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - Senate State Affairs

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)
4-10-15 H Received in the House

Bill History: 04-06-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

HB 971 Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to requirements governing officers and directors of condominium unit owners' associations and property owners' associations.

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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:	04-08-15 H Committee action pending 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 1918	Kuempel, John(R)	Relating to the Texas Real Estate Commission and the regulation of certain real estate professionals.
	Companions:	SB 699 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 4- 8-15 H Received in the House
	Bill History:	03-23-15 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures
HB 1936	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to notice by a property owner to a mortgage servicer that the owner intends to enter into a contract with a property tax lender.
	Bill History:	04-06-15 H Reported favorably from committee on House Business and Industry
HB 2418	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to decedents' estates.
	Companions:	SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical) 4-27-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for
	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:	04-13-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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:	04-07-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
HB 3095	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to durable powers of attorney and advance directives.
	Bill History:	04-21-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 3190	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to persons authorized to direct, consent to, or disapprove a trustee's decisions.
	Bill History:	04-21-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
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:	04-21-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
SB 462	Huffman, Joan(R)	Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death.
	Companions:	HB 703 Farrar, Jessica (Identical) 4- 6-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
	Bill History:	04-10-15 H Received in the House
SB 699	Eltife, Kevin(R)	Relating to the Texas Real Estate Commission and the regulation of certain real estate professionals.
	Companions:	HB 1918 Kuempel, John (Identical) 3-23-15 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures
	Bill History:	04-08-15 H Received in the House
SB 994	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.
	Companions:	HB 2428 Wray, John (F) (Identical) 4-13-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Bill History: 03-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to decedents' estates.

Companions: [HB 2418](#) Wray, John (F) (Identical)
3-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 04-27-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

SB 1203 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to exemptions from the applicability of the Texas Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2009.

Bill History: 04-22-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

I - Taxation/Related Topics

HB 7 Darby, Drew(R) Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.

Companions: [SB 1276](#) Nelson, Jane (Identical)
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 04-27-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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: 04-23-15 H Calendar Rule: Amendments must be filed with the Chief Clerk by 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 27, 2015

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:	<div> <div>HB 552</div> <div>Huberty, Dan (Identical)</div> <div>2-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</div> </div>
	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:	04-14-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 525	Riddle, Debbie(R)	Relating to a franchise tax credit for wages paid to certain employees.
	Bill History:	02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 552	Huberty, Dan(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

Companions: [HB 250](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)
2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 02-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 668](#) Farney, Marsha(R) Relating to the franchise tax liability of certain taxable entities.

Bill History: 02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 850](#) Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

Companions: [SB 105](#) Estes, Craig (Identical)
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
[SB 175](#) Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)
1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1001](#) Davis, Yvonne(D) Relating to restrictions on tax and fee benefits for certain private entities that outsource jobs to foreign countries.

Bill History: 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1134](#) Metcalf, Will (F)(R) Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

Companions: [SB 331](#) 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

[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) 4-23-15 H Calendar Rule: Amendments must be filed with the Chief Clerk by 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 27, 2015
	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:	04-23-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:133/N: 0)
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: [SB 1049](#) Campbell, Donna (Identical)
4-22-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

Bill History: 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)
3-25-15 H Received in the House

Bill History: 04-22-15 H Reported from committee as substituted 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)
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 04-16-15 H Voted favorably from 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 3305	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to a franchise tax credit for wages paid to certain employees.
	Bill History:	03-30-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
HB 3399	Stephenson, Phil(R)	Relating to franchise tax payments and reports.
	Bill History:	04-14-15 H Committee action pending 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:	04-09-15 H Committee action pending 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:	03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
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: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

SB 1 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to certain restrictions on the imposition of ad valorem taxes and to the duty of the state to reimburse certain political subdivisions for certain revenue loss.

Bill History: 03-25-15 H Received in the House

SB 7 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 03-26-15 H Received in the House

SB 8 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.

Bill History: 03-25-15 H Received in the House

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:	<div> <div>HB 850</div> <div>Goldman, Craig (Identical)</div> <div>3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</div> </div> <div> <div>SB 105</div> <div>Estes, Craig (Identical)</div> <div>3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance</div> </div>
	Bill History:	01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 186	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the franchise tax and alternative revenue sources and spending priorities for this state.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 1962</div> <div>Parker, Tan (Identical)</div> <div>3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 330	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 2331</div> <div>Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical)</div> <div>3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
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:	<div> <div>HB 1134</div> <div>Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical)</div> <div>3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

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)
4-22-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

Bill History: 03-25-15 H Received in the House

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)
4-23-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:133/N:0)

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: 04-22-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

SB 1179 Huffines, Donald (F)(R) Relating to abolishing certain occupational licensing requirements and associated regulations.

Bill History: 03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 1276 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.

Companions: HB 7 Darby, Drew (Identical)
4-27-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Bill History: 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 1541 Perry, Charles (F)(R) Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.

Companions: [HB 2891](#) Otto, John (Identical)
4-16-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SJR 1 Nelson, Jane(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a portion of the market value of a residence homestead based on the median market value.

Bill History: 03-26-15 H Received in the House

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 80](#) Metcalf, Will (F) (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 531](#) Campbell, Donna (Identical)
2-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 04-24-15 H Reported from committee as substituted 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 Committee action pending 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: 04-14-15 H Not heard in committee 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: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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: [HB 562](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)
4-24-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and 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)
3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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