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BUSINESS LAW SECTION STATE BAR OF TEXAS TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE May 1, 2015

The stand-off between the House and Senate continues on how to deliver the tax relief promised during the election season.

This week, the House passed a \$4.9 billion tax cut package, including the state's first ever sales tax reduction, which brings the state sales tax rate to 5.59 from 6.25. The package also includes a 25-percent across-the-board reduction in the franchise tax. The Senate passed its \$4.6 billion tax relief plan more than a month ago, which reduces the franchise tax by 15 percent across-the-board and exempts businesses under \$4 million. The Senate package also increases the homestead exemption for school district taxes from \$15,000 to 25 percent of Texas home median market value. The House and Senate must now decide which tax vehicle will advance and produce a negotiated plan that both chambers can live with.

Meanwhile, with the session clock is ticking down to less than 30 days, the log jam of bills entering the opposite chamber is beginning to ease as Senate committees are hearing House bills and House committees are hearing Senate bills. Both chambers are also hearing bills late into the afternoon and evening as the process moves toward Sine Die.

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 was set on House Calendar for Wednesday, April 15, and then postponed until April 29, and again until May 1. The postponement allowed the Senate bill to pass B&I, then be substituted for the House bill

on the House floor, where it passed to third reading. It will be taken up on third reading on Monday.

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) —The House bill was substituted for the Senate bill on the house floor and the Senate bill passed the House. Heading to Governor.

Uniform Commercial Code—Chapter 1

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

[HB 3434](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1077](#) (Eltife) — House bill passed B&I. The Senate bill passed the Senate and was referred to B&I.

B -- Business Courts

Chancery Court

[HB 1603](#) (Villalba) – Creates a chancery court system in Texas to handle specific business litigation. Support efforts continue with the Speaker and the Calendars Committee. Stiff opposition continues from TTLA, ABOTA, and the Texas Association of Defense Counsel. The committee report has been sent to the Calendars Committee, where the bill remains pending.

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)—Enhances Texas Department of Banking regulation over “state trust companies.” House bill was referred to Investments and Financial Services 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 set on House Calendar for May 6. 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. Passed 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. Died on the House Floor. Reps. Collier and Rinaldi launched a successful effort to kill the bill on third reading.

[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 written consent to avoid application of the current business name standard. Passed the Senate and is awaiting referral in the House.

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 passed B&I. Senate bill passed the Senate is awaiting referral in the House.

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. Passed 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. Passed the House.

[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 May 1.

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](#) (Eltife)—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 has been inserted in the bill. The House bill passed Investments and Financial Services. Senate bill passed the Senate and was referred to Investments and Financial Services in the House.

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 bill passed the House. Senate bill, which contains TLBF amendment, is pending 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. Rep. Villalba, the TBLF lobby team and Byron Egan met with Rep. Simmons and Rep. Rinaldi to discuss concerns. Simmons currently is standing down on 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 has submitted a package of changes addressing TBLF concerns, which is now under review by Rep. Thompson. Remains 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. Passed the House and is awaiting referral in the Senate.

[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

[SB 2089](#) (Darby)/ [HB 7](#) (Darby) / [SB 765](#) (Eltife)—Repeals the \$200 annual licensing fee imposed on a variety of occupations, including attorneys. HB 2089 passed the House and has been referred to Senate Finance. HB 2089 is also incorporated into HB 7 (a comprehensive fee reduction bill) which has also passed the House but awaits referral in the Senate. The Senate Bill is pending in Senate Finance. TBLF registered in support of this legislation in all three committee hearings.

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, which approximately doubles the exemption amount. 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. Passed the House and is awaiting referral in Senate.

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. Rep. Leach indicated he will offer the TBLF proposed carve-out as a floor amendment. The Senate bill is set for a hearing on May 4 in Senate State Affairs Committee. Sen. Campbell has also confirmed that the TBLF carve-out is acceptable.

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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)
5- 1-15 H Passed to third reading

Bill History: 05-01-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call
- see SB 860

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

Companions: SB 859 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
4-30-15 H Passed on local calendar
(Vote: Y:139/N: 0)

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call
- see SB 859

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

Companions: SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
4-30-15 H Referred to House
Committee on House Business and
Industry

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Voted favorably from committee
on House Business and Industry

SB 859 Eltife, Kevin(R)
Oliveira, Rene(D) Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.

Companions: HB 2144 Oliveira, Rene (Identical)
4-30-15 H Laid on the table - subject
to call - see SB 859

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote:
Y:139/N: 0)

SB 860 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.

Companions: HB 2142 Oliveira, Rene (Identical)
5- 1-15 H Laid on the table - subject
to call - see SB 860

Bill History: 05-01-15 H Passed to third reading

SB 1077

Eltife, Kevin(R)

Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Companions:

HB
3434

Parker, Tan

(Identical)

4-30-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry

Bill History:

04-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Business and Industry

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)

5- 4-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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:

04-29-15 H Reported 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:

05-04-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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:	04-29-15 S Received in the Senate
HB 26	Button, Angie(R)	Relating to state economic development measures, including administration of the Texas Enterprise Fund, creation of the Economic Incentive Oversight Board, abolishment of the Texas emerging technology fund.
	Bill History:	05-01-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:136/N: 1)
HB 241	Leach, Jeff(R)	Relating to substituted service of citation through a social media presence.
	Bill History:	04-27-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
HB 590	Elkins, Gary(R)	Relating to the creation of research technology corporations by institutions of higher education.
	Bill History:	04-29-15 S Received in the Senate
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:	04-29-15 H Reported 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:	05-05-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026 - House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
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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:	05-01-15 H Passed to third reading
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HB 2534	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
	Companions:	SB 875 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 4-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
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HB 2753	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to the names of certain businesses.
	Bill History:	04-29-15 H Failed to pass (Vote: N:118/Y: 22)
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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:	05-06-15 H Set on the House Calendar
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HB 3308	Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
	Bill History:	04-23-15 S Received in the Senate
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HB 3459	Schofield, Mike (F)(R)	Relating to service of process in this state.

Companions: [HB 1806](#) Tinderholt, Tony (F) (Identical)
5- 5-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M.
OR ADJ., E2.026, 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)
4-30-15 H Received in the House

Bill History: 04-27-15 H Recommended for Local and
Consent Calendar

[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: 04-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on
House Investments and Financial Services

[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)
4-27-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Received in the House

[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)
4-29-15 S Received in the Senate

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: 05-01-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Business and Industry

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

Companions: [HB 2207](#) Keffer, Jim (Identical)
5- 1-15 H Passed to third reading

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)
5- 6-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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)
4-28-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Received in the House

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)
4-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Business and Industry

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Voted favorably from 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)
4-30-15 H Voted favorably from committee on House Business and Industry

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Business and Industry

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: 04-30-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:138/N: 0)

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: 04-27-15 S Received in the Senate

HB 1629 Johnson, Eric(D)

Relating to crowdfunding portal regulation for the purpose of small business development.

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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: 05-01-15 H Postponed on second reading until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 6, 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: SB 1346 Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)
3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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: SB 1061 Hinojosa, Chuy (Identical)
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

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: HB 3723 Workman, Paul (Identical)
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

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: HB 3170 Schaefer, Matt (Identical)
3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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

F - Financial Institutions

HB 146 Minjarez, Ina (F)(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 Minjarez, Ina (F)(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: 05-05-15 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 483 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the establishment and administration of a state bullion depository.

Bill History: 05-06-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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)

5- 1-15 H Referred to House
Committee on House Judiciary and
Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 05-05-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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)
4-30-15 H Received in the House

Bill History: 04-30-15 S Committee action pending
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: 04-27-15 H Reported 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)
4-28-15 S Committee action pending
Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Committee action pending House
Investments and Financial Services

HB 1029 Wray, John (F)(R) Relating to trusts.

Companions: SB
387 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
4-30-15 H Referred to House
Committee on House Judiciary and
Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 05-05-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR
ADJ., E2.026 - 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: 05-07-15 H Set on the House Calendar
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: 04-27-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce
HB 2676	Stephenson, Phil(R)	Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.
		Companions: SB 899 Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 4-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services
		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 Committee action pending 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 Committee action pending 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)
4-29-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services

Bill History: 04-28-15 H Reported 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)
5- 1-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:113/N:22)

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 641

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: 04-30-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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:		04-30-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:139/N: 0)
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 Committee action pending 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 Committee action pending 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 Committee action pending 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 Committee action pending 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 Committee action pending 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: 04-28-15 S Committee action pending 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 Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

Bill History: 04-28-15 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 387](#) [Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to trusts.

Companions: [HB 1029](#) Wray, John (F) (Identical)
5- 5-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.026, House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[SB 641](#) [Schwertner, Charles\(R\)](#)
[Raney, John\(R\)](#) Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.

Companions: [HB 3442](#) Raney, John (Identical)
4-30-15 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 641

Bill History: 05-01-15 H Passed (Vote: Y:113/N: 22)

[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)
4-30-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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: 04-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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)
4-27-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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)
4-28-15 H Reported from committee as substituted House Investments and Financial Services

Bill History: 04-29-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Investments and Financial Services

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: 04-28-15 S Committee action pending 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)
4-30-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:139/N: 0)

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: 04-29-15 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Business and Commerce

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

Companions: [HB 149](#) Minjarez, Ina (F) (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)
5- 5-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Bill History: 05-01-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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)
4-30-15 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Received in the House

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: 05-01-15 H Passed to third reading

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: 04-27-15 H Reported 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: 05-06-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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 Committee action pending Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:139/N: 0)

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 Committee action pending 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: 04-30-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted 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: 05-05-15 H Set on the Local Calendar

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) 5- 6-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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)

4-27-15 H Reported 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)
5- 1-15 H Passed to third reading

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)
4-30-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:139/N: 0)

Bill History: 04-27-15 S Committee action pending 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)
4-27-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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: 04-28-15 H Reported 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: 04-29-15 H Voted favorably from 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 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)
5- 1-15 H Voted favorably from committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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: 05-01-15 H Passed to third reading

HB 2418 Wray, John (F)(R)

Relating to decedents' estates.

Companions: SB 995 Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
4-30-15 H Received in the House

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: 04-30-15 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:139/N: 0)

[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: 04-29-15 H Reported favorably from committee on 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: 05-01-15 H Reported from committee as substituted 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: 04-27-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[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: 05-01-15 H Voted favorably from committee
on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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](#) 4-30-15 H Passed on local calendar
(Vote: Y:139/N: 0)

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

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Received in the House

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: 04-30-15 H Received in the House

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

Bill History: 04-29-15 S Received in the Senate

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: 04-30-15 S Received in the Senate

[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: 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)
4-30-15 S Received in the Senate

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:		04-28-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Finance
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) 5- 4-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for
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) 4-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Ways and Means
Bill History:		05-05-15 H Set on the House Calendar
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: 05-06-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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: 04-30-15 H Voted favorably from 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: 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: [HB 850](#) Goldman, Craig (Identical)
3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
[SB 105](#) Estes, Craig (Identical)
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

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: [HB 1962](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)
3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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: [HB 2331](#) Metcalf, Will (F) (Identical)
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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: HB 1134 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

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)
5- 5-15 H Set on the House Calendar

Bill History: 04-30-15 H Referred to House Committee on House Ways and Means

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)
4-28-15 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Finance

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: 05-04-15 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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)
4-29-15 S Received in the Senate

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)
5- 6-15 H Set on the House Calendar

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)
5- 4-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M.,
SENATE CHAMBER, 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:	05-04-15 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER - 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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