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TEXAS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
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Texas Central Partner's efforts to bring high-speed rail or the "bullet train" connecting Dallas and Houston again are under attack by impacted property owners. 20 bills pertaining to land use and eminent domain restrictions were filed this week by opposition legislators with districts covering the proposed train path.

The Senate Finance Committee continues work on its version of the budget including the appointment of three working groups charged to find ways of cutting costs for health care, reform juvenile-justice programs, and restructure the Child Protective Services Agency.

The House Appropriations Committee began hearing spending requests from a range of agencies including the state prison system, public schools, and the Texas Department of Transportation. Some House committees are also kicking into gear this week, but most won't be holding their first meetings and setting rules for the session until early March, including the House Business & Industry Committee.

Texas Business Law Foundation bills continue to flow out of the Legislative Council, and final mark-ups and preparations for filing are underway.

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 pertinent bill and issues within 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 and Nonprofit Associations

Substantive and technical amendments to the BOC developed by the BLS BOC Drafting Committee, addressing corporation, nonprofit corporation, and nonprofit association actions and matters, including share issuance, dividends, and ownership; director voting; mergers and conversions; defective act ratification; records transparency; and notice uniformity.

We expect the TLC draft any day. Chairman Hancock has graciously agreed to carry the bill in the Senate and Chairman Oliveira will again sponsor in the House.

Business Organization Code -- Partnerships and LLCs

Substantive and technical amendments to the BOC developed by the BLS BOC Drafting Committee, affecting partnership, limited liability company, and series LLC actions and matters, including company and partnership agreement enforceability; officer vacancies; series LLC status; liability clarification; business names; service of process; records transparency; and winding up.

TLC formatting is complete, and the House bill filing is eminent, possibly in sync with the Senate filing. Here too, Chairman Hancock has agreed to carry the bill in the Senate and Chairman Oliveira will sponsor in the House bill.

Uniform Trade Secrets Act

Amends the TUTSA, conforming it to recent modifications to the uniform act and federal law.

[HB 1995](#) (Elkins) - Filed in the House, not yet referred. Senate sponsorship discussions continue with members of the Senate Business and Commerce committee, including Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo).

Business Names

Adopts the "distinguishable name" standard rather than the current "deceptively similar" standard in the reservation of business names, as supported by the Secretary of State.

Bill draft remains in the TLC. Discussions continue with Sen. Watson on sponsorship. Rep. Villalba will file in the House.

B -- Business Courts

Chancery Court

Initiative by Rep. Jason Villalba (R-Dallas) to establish a dedicated business court system in Texas to handle specified complex business litigation.

Rep. Villalba continues discussions with stakeholders. The Governor's office has expressed a positive interest.

C -- Business Entities

Shareholder Oppression

Debate continues over the need to codify certain minority shareholder protections in the wake of *Ritchie v. Rupe*. During the legislative interim, the House Business and Commerce Committee studied the issue, receiving pro and con testimony. Byron Egan, on behalf of the TBLF, presented compelling testimony that adequate remedies exist under current law and that additional codification on the subject is not needed, and likely would cause harmful uncertainty in business entity organization. B&C declined to make a recommendation on the issue.

Rep. Ron Simmons (R-Carrollton), the leading proponent for action on the subject, continues to consider filing another bill. No bill has yet been filed.

Ethics/Interests in Government Contracts

[HB 1295](#) (Capriglione) - Amendment package to previous HB 1295 to clarify and simplify business entity compliance with the bill's required disclosures when contracting with a government entity. The bill increases the number of business entities exempt from the registration requirements (publicly traded entities and "direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiaries"; FDIC insured institutions; certain utilities; and insurance companies). For those entities not exempt, a number of questions regarding the extent of the registration requirements remain unanswered. Additionally, the bill re-defines several terms, including "contract," in ways that add confusion regarding the requirements and adds a civil penalty (\$500 for the first day; \$100 per day thereafter to a maximum of \$10,000) for an entity that fails to file the registration or the disclosures contained therein, enforceable by the Texas Ethics Commission or the Attorney General.

[HB 1610](#) (Kuempel) - An alternative amendment package to HB 1295. This bill would apply the registration only for contracts in excess of \$10 million and simplifies the registration requirements and is likely to be favored by a number of stakeholders.

Discussions continue with Rep. Kuempel and stakeholders.

Health Organization Corporations and Partnerships

[SB 679](#) (Hancock) - Adds chiropractors to existing authorizations for doctors of medicine, osteopathy, and podiatry to establish business entities jointly owned and controlled by those types of practitioners.

D -- UCC

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

E -- Securities

Self Funding Status for State Securities Board

[HB 823](#) (Parker) - Gives the State Securities Board self-directed and semi-independent status, treating it similarly to the Texas Department of Banking.

Activist Shareholders

Possible initiative to impose certain restrictions on activist corporate shareholders.

[HB 2382](#) (Parker) - Filed, not yet referred.

F -- Financial Institutions

Electronic Notarization

[HB 1217](#) (Parker) - Establishes electronic notaries public. An Initiative by the Texas Mortgage Bankers Association, and others.

TBLF endorsement has been requested.

Texas Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets

[HB 2158](#) (Parker) - Establishes procedures for the agreed administration of digital assets (electronic records in which individuals have rights or interests) by financial institutions. A REPTL initiative.

G -- Business Liability

Director Liability Following Charter Revocation

Section 171.255, Tax Code, is designed to enforce the collection of corporate taxes by the Comptroller. The tax collection tool, however, exposes directors and officers to an excessive liability for *all* corporate debts during a revocation period should taxes not be paid. *Hovel v. Batzri*, currently on appeal the Texas Supreme Court, supports a customary and reasonable approach as to when a debt is created under the statute. Should the Court, however, overturn the *Hovel* decision, there is concern that the uncertainty and negative impact of the statute could be significantly increased.

Discussion continues on the need for legislation. A Petitioner's Brief on the Merits (Hovel) was filed with the Supreme Court this week.

H -- Real Estate and Related Topics

Power of Attorney

[HB 1974](#) (Wray)/[SB 926](#) (Rodriguez) - Addresses significant modifications to the durable power of attorney provisions of Chapter 751, Estates Code, including mandatory acceptance.

The aftermath of last week's stakeholder meeting has produced another round of drafts and submissions to Rep. Wray. Progress towards a consensus between TBLF/BLS and REPTL has stalled somewhat. The financial institution associations remain non-committal. Rep. Wray continues to press for agreed language to incorporate in a committee substitute.

I -- Taxation and Related Topics

Franchise Tax

Numerous bills pertaining to franchise tax reform and cuts have been filed.

[SB 17](#) (Nelson) - Provides phased reduction and ultimate elimination of the franchise tax, based on revenue growth. Of the numerous filed bills, this bill likely will be the primary vehicle for Senate action.

Property Tax

The Senate leadership has declared property tax reform and cuts as key components of its legislative priorities.

[SB 2](#) (Bettencourt) - Designated package for ad valorem taxation reform, including an effective 4% cap on increases (without an election).

J -- Choice of Law

Application of Foreign and International Law

Efforts to restrict the impact in Texas courts of certain perceived repugnant foreign laws or doctrines, or so called "Anti-Sharia" laws, continue. Bills could impact foreign judgment enforcement, use of foreign laws, and contractual choice of law and venue.



[HB 45](#) (Flynn) - Amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to prohibit application of foreign laws or contractual choice of law or venue provisions requiring foreign laws, if the foreign laws would violate rights under the U.S. or Texas constitutions.

[HB 498](#) (Fallon) - Amends the Family Code and narrows application to marriages and parent-child relationships.

[SB 944](#) (Hughes)/ [HB 2122](#) (Clardy) - Adopts the Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act.

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A - Section Prepared

[HB 1995](#)

[Elkins, Gary\(R\)](#)

Relating to the Texas Uniform Trade Secrets Act.

Bill History: 02-16-17 H Filed

B - Business Courts

C - Business Entities

[HB 89](#)

[King, Phil\(R\)](#)

Relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott Israel.

Companions: [SB 29](#) Creighton, Brandon (Identical)
2-22-17 S Filed
[SB 134](#) Creighton, Brandon (Identical)
1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 11-14-16 H Filed

[HB 225](#)

[Johnson, Eric\(D\)](#)

Relating to the prohibition of employment discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Introduced and referred to

[HB 228](#) [Thompson, Senfronia\(D\)](#)

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

Companions:

HB 187	Thompson, Senfronia	(Refiled from 84R Session)
SB 65	Ellis, Rodney	(Refiled from 84R Session)

Bill History: 02-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

[HB 258](#) [Anchia, Rafael\(D\)](#)

Relating to a prohibition on the award of a state agency contract to a person in a state with laws allowing or requiring discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Bill History: 02-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 317](#) [Canales, Terry\(D\)](#)

Relating to the consideration by certain employers of the consumer credit reports of certain employees and applicants for employment.

Bill History: 02-15-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

[HB 334](#) [Collier, Nicole\(D\)](#)

Relating to the consideration by employers of the consumer credit reports or other credit information of employees and applicants for employment.

Bill History: 02-15-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

[HB 552](#) [White, James\(R\)](#)

Relating to the regulation of occupations by this state.

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

[HB 1142](#) [Davis, Sarah\(R\)](#)

Relating to prohibiting governmental contracts with a company doing business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization.

Companions: [SB 252](#) Taylor, Van (Identical)
1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 01-19-17 H Filed

[HB 1222](#) [Rinaldi, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to the suspension of certain licenses held by private employers for the knowing employment of persons not lawfully present in this state.

Bill History: 02-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 1295](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to the disclosure of interested parties by business entities contracting with governmental entities and state agencies.

Bill History: 02-03-17 H Filed

[HB 1610](#) [Kuempel, John\(R\)](#) Relating to the disclosure of interested parties by business entities contracting with governmental entities or state agencies.

Bill History: 02-07-17 H Filed

[HB 2248](#) [Guerra, Bobby\(D\)](#) Relating to the procedure for adoption by a state agency of rules that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses and micro-businesses.

Companions: [HB 1684](#) Guerra, Bobby (Refiled from 84R Session)
[SB 522](#) Hinojosa, Chuy (Refiled from 84R Session)

Bill History: 02-22-17 H Filed

[SB 29](#) [Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#) Relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott Israel.

Companions: [HB 89](#) King, Phil (Identical)
11-14-16 H Filed
[SB 134](#) Creighton, Brandon (Identical)
1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 02-22-17 S Filed

[SB 134](#) [Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#) Relating to state contracts with and investments in companies that boycott Israel.

Companions: [HB 89](#) King, Phil (Identical)
11-14-16 H Filed
 [SB 29](#) Creighton, Brandon (Identical)
2-22-17 S Filed

Bill History: 01-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 252](#) [Taylor, Van\(R\)](#) Relating to prohibiting governmental contracts with a company doing business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization.

Companions: [HB 1142](#) Davis, Sarah (Identical)
1-19-17 H Filed

Bill History: 01-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 679](#) [Hancock, Kelly\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of chiropractors to form certain business entities with certain other professions.

Bill History: 02-15-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

D - UCC

E - Securities

[HB 823](#) [Parker, Tan\(R\)](#) Relating to the self-directed and semi-independent status of the State Securities Board.

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

[HB 1090](#) [Meyer, Morgan\(R\)](#) Relating to the criminal penalties for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.

Companions:

[SB 111](#) Taylor, Van (F) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[SB 140](#) Taylor, Van (Identical)
 1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History:

02-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House General Investigating and Ethics

[HB 1701](#)[Parker, Tan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the presentation of the investment policy of certain governmental entities to a business organization that conducts investment transactions for the entity.

Bill History:

02-09-17 H Filed

[HB 2382](#)[Parker, Tan\(R\)](#)

Relating to information required to be disclosed by certain investors of publicly traded companies whose headquarters are located in this state.

Bill History:

02-24-17 H Filed

[SB 140](#)[Taylor, Van\(R\)](#)

Relating to the criminal penalties for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.

Companions:

[SB 111](#) Taylor, Van (F) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[HB 1090](#) Meyer, Morgan (Identical)
 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House General Investigating and Ethics

Bill History:

01-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

F - Financial Institutions

[HB 197](#)[Bernal, Diego\(D\)](#)

Relating to contracts and other documents issued by credit access businesses.

Bill History:

02-14-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

[HB 411](#)[Longoria, Oscar\(D\)](#)

Relating to requiring photo identification for

certain purchases paid with a credit card or debit card.

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

[HB 471](#) [Johnson, Eric\(D\)](#)

Relating to authorizing a credit union or other financial institution to conduct savings promotion raffles.

Bill History: 02-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

[HB 721](#) [Longoria, Oscar\(D\)](#)

Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card transactions.

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

[HB 741](#) [Bernal, Diego\(D\)](#)

Relating to the affordability of extension of consumer credit.

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

[HB 877](#) [Turner, Chris\(D\)](#)

Relating to prohibiting certain telemarketing calls by a credit access business.

Bill History: 02-23-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

[HB 916](#) [Thierry, Shawn \(F\)\(D\)](#)

Relating to requiring financial institutions to report the suspected financial abuse of elderly persons.

Companions: [SB 792](#) Miles, Borris (F) (Identical)
2-22-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

[HB 959](#) [Thierry, Shawn \(F\)\(D\)](#)

Relating to the financial abuse of elderly persons, including requiring financial institutions to report suspected financial abuse of elderly persons.

Companions: [SB 791](#) Miles, Borris (F) (Identical)

2-22-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 01-12-17 H Filed

[HB 993](#) [Walle, Amando\(D\)](#)

Relating to the provision of accounting statements by mortgage servicers for certain loans secured by a lien on residential real property.

Companions:

[HB 1239](#) Walle, Amando

(Refiled from 84R Session)

Bill History: 01-12-17 H Filed

[HB 1134](#) [Craddick, Tom\(R\)](#)

Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.

Bill History: 02-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

[HB 1143](#) [Davis, Sarah\(R\)](#)

Relating to investment prohibitions and divestment requirements for certain investments of public money.

Companions:

[SB 253](#)

Taylor, Van

(Identical)

1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 01-19-17 H Filed

[HB 1217](#) [Parker, Tan\(R\)](#)

Relating to appointment of and performance of notarial acts by an electronic notary public.

Bill History: 02-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 1712](#) [Shaheen, Matt\(R\)](#)

Relating to the abolishment of certain advisory committees.

Bill History: 02-09-17 H Filed

[HB 1733](#) [Uresti, Tomas \(F\)\(D\)](#)

Relating to the maximum permitted sum of fees, interest, and other amounts due under certain extensions of consumer credit.

Bill History: 02-09-17 H Filed

[HB 1752](#) [Farrar, Jessica\(D\)](#) Relating to certain account disclosures provided by a financial institution to a customer.

Companions: [SB 714](#) Seliger, Kel (Identical)
2-21-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 02-10-17 H Filed

[HB 1760](#) [Fallon, Pat\(R\)](#) Relating to money transmissions sent to destinations outside the United States.

Bill History: 02-10-17 H Filed

[HB 1767](#) [Collier, Nicole\(D\)](#) Relating to the collection of consumer debt by debt buyers.

Bill History: 02-13-17 H Filed

[HB 1954](#) [Murr, Andrew\(R\)](#) Relating to convenience and trust accounts established at financial institutions.

Bill History: 02-15-17 H Filed

[HB 2158](#) [Parker, Tan\(R\)](#) Relating to the adoption of the Texas Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Filed

[HB 2176](#) [Parker, Tan\(R\)](#) Relating to surcharges imposed for the use of a credit card.

Companions: [SB 560](#) Hancock, Kelly (Identical)
2- 8-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Filed

[HB 2333](#) [Elkins, Gary\(R\)](#) Relating to a breach of system security of a business that exposes consumer credit card or debit card information.

Bill History: 02-23-17 H Filed

[SB 253](#) [Taylor, Van\(R\)](#) Relating to investment prohibitions and divestment requirements for certain investments of public money.

Companions: [HB 1143](#) Davis, Sarah (Identical)

		1-19-17 H Filed
Bill History:	01-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce	
SB 560	Hancock, Kelly(R)	Relating to surcharges imposed for the use of a credit card.
Companions:	HB 2176	Parker, Tan (Identical) 2-21-17 H Filed
Bill History:	02-08-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce	
SB 714	Seliger, Kel(R)	Relating to certain account disclosures provided by a financial institution to a customer.
Companions:	HB 1752	Farrar, Jessica (Identical) 2-10-17 H Filed
Bill History:	02-21-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce	
SB 791	Miles, Borris (F)(D)	Relating to the financial abuse of elderly persons, including requiring financial institutions to report suspected financial abuse of elderly persons.
Companions:	HB 959	Thierry, Shawn (F) (Identical) 1-12-17 H Filed
Bill History:	02-22-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce	
SB 792	Miles, Borris (F)(D)	Relating to requiring financial institutions to report the suspected financial abuse of elderly persons.
Companions:	HB 916	Thierry, Shawn (F) (Identical) 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
Bill History:	02-22-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce	
SB 830	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to the provision of accounting statements by mortgage servicers for certain loans secured by a lien on residential real property.
Bill History:	02-10-17 S Filed	

[SB 836](#) [Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to a contract or other agreement between certain governmental entities and a credit services organization or related business.

Bill History: 02-13-17 S Filed

G - Business Liability

[HB 447](#) [Bell, Cecil\(R\)](#) Relating to the civil liability of certain businesses in connection with allowing or forbidding handguns on the business premises.

Bill History: 02-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 497](#) [Rinaldi, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to the liability of a business that allows handguns to be carried on the business's premises.

Bill History: 02-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 556](#) [Keough, Mark\(R\)](#) Relating to the civil liability of certain persons in connection with allowing or forbidding handguns on the premises of a business or apartment complex.

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 744](#) [Farrar, Jessica\(D\)](#) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

Companions: [HB 230](#) Farrar, Jessica (Refiled from 84R Session)

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 1032](#) [Thompson, Senfronia\(D\)](#) Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.

Bill History: 01-13-17 H Filed

[HB 1038](#) [Rinaldi, Matt\(R\)](#)

Relating to the award of costs and attorney's fees in a motion to dismiss for certain actions that have no basis in law or fact.

Bill History: 01-13-17 H Filed

[HB 1066](#) [Thompson, Senfronia\(D\)](#)

Relating to the collection of certain judgments through court proceeding.

Companions:

[HB 604](#)

Davis, Sarah

(Refiled from 84R Session)

Bill History:

02-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 1258](#) [Clardy, Travis\(R\)](#)

Relating to information publicly available in an electronic court record database.

Bill History:

02-23-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 1315](#) [King, Phil\(R\)](#)

Relating to the liability of employees of certain real property owners for certain claims arising from construction activities.

Companions:

[SB 621](#)

Creighton, Brandon

(Identical)

2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History:

01-26-17 H Filed

[SB 621](#) [Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#)

Relating to the liability of employees of certain real property owners for certain claims arising from construction activities.

Companions:

[HB 1315](#)

King, Phil

(Identical)

1-26-17 H Filed

Bill History:

02-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

H - Real Estate/Related Topics

[HB 379](#) [Bernal, Diego\(D\)](#) Relating to mandatory sales price disclosure in real property sales.

Bill History: 02-23-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

[HB 495](#) [Phelan, Dade\(R\)](#) Relating to the selection of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

Companions: [HB 2265](#) Munoz, Sergio (Identical)
2-22-17 H Filed

Bill History: 02-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 628](#) [Howard, Donna\(D\)](#) Relating to the distribution, possession, purchase, consumption, and receipt of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and tobacco products.

Bill History: 02-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

[HB 1354](#) [Wray, John\(R\)](#) Relating to trusts.

Companions: [SB 617](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 01-30-17 H Filed

[HB 1386](#) [Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#) Relating to the use of earnest money contracts and other offers for the sale of land before a subdivision plat is filed in certain border counties.

Bill History: 01-31-17 H Filed

[HB 1470](#) [Villalba, Jason\(R\)](#) Relating to the public sale of real property under a power of sale in a security instrument.

Bill History: 02-01-17 H Filed

[HB 1974](#) [Wray, John\(R\)](#) Relating to durable powers of attorney.

Companions: [SB 926](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
2-16-17 S Filed

Bill History: 02-16-17 H Filed

[HB 2076](#) [Schubert, Leighton\(R\)](#) Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning

entity.

Companions: [SB 628](#) Schwertner, Charles (Identical)
2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 02-17-17 H Filed

[HB 2265](#) [Munoz, Sergio\(D\)](#) Relating to the selection of the board of
directors of an appraisal district.

Companions: [HB 495](#) Phelan, Dade (Identical)
2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 02-22-17 H Filed

[HB 2271](#) [Wray, John\(R\)](#) Relating to decedents' estates and certain
posthumous gifts.

Companions: [SB 1017](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
2-22-17 S Filed

Bill History: 02-22-17 H Filed

[SB 372](#) [Hall, Bob\(R\)](#) Relating to regulation of title insurance.

Bill History: 02-01-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 617](#) [Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to trusts.

Companions: [HB 1354](#) Wray, John (Identical)
1-30-17 H Filed

Bill History: 02-13-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 626](#) [Schwertner, Charles\(R\)](#) Relating to the acquisition of certain real
property in conjunction with the acquisition of
real property for a public use through
eminent domain procedures.

Bill History: 02-13-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 627](#) [Schwertner, Charles\(R\)](#) Relating to notice of a property owner's rights
relating to the examination or survey of
property by an entity with eminent domain
authority.

Bill History: 02-13-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 628	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.
	Companions:	HB 2076 Schubert, Leighton (Identical) 2-17-17 H Filed
	Bill History:	02-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 742	Kolkhorst, Lois(R)	Relating to requirements for a bona fide offer for the acquisition of property by an entity with eminent domain authority.
	Bill History:	02-21-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 830	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to the provision of accounting statements by mortgage servicers for certain loans secured by a lien on residential real property.
	Bill History:	02-10-17 S Filed
SB 926	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to durable powers of attorney.
	Companions:	HB 1974 Wray, John (Identical) 2-16-17 H Filed
	Bill History:	02-16-17 S Filed
SB 1017	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to decedents' estates and certain posthumous gifts.
	Companions:	HB 2271 Wray, John (Identical) 2-22-17 H Filed
	Bill History:	02-22-17 S Filed
I - Taxation/Related Topics		
HB 1	Zerwas, John(R)	General Appropriations Bill.
	Bill History:	02-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HB 86	Guillen, Ryan(D)	Relating to providing a sales and use tax refund or franchise tax credit for businesses

that employ former offenders.

Bill History: 02-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 102](#) [Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#)

Relating to exemptions from ad valorem taxes, the sales and use tax, and the franchise tax for certain businesses during an initial period of operation in this state.

Bill History: 02-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 388](#) [Murphy, Jim\(R\)](#)

Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 02-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 509](#) [Button, Angie\(R\)](#)

Relating to a deduction under the franchise tax for certain contracts with the federal government.

Companions: [SB 1031](#) Taylor, Larry (Identical)
2-22-17 S Filed

Bill History: 02-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 538](#) [Metcalf, Will\(R\)](#)

Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

Companions: [HB 1134](#) Metcalf, Will (F) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[SB 331](#) Creighton, Brandon (F) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[SB 131](#) Creighton, Brandon (Identical)
1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 599](#) [Schofield, Mike\(R\)](#)

Relating to the decrease of the rates of the franchise tax under certain circumstances and the expiration of that tax.

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 803](#) [Dale, Tony\(R\)](#)

Relating to a temporary exemption from the sales and use tax and the franchise tax for

certain businesses engaged in space flight activities.

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1050](#) [Swanson, Valoree \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the abolition of ad valorem taxes.

Bill History: 01-17-17 H Filed

[HB 1052](#) [Schubert, Leighton\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

Companions: [HB 1196](#) Button, Angie (Identical)
2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
[SB 178](#) Estes, Craig (Identical)
1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1055](#) [Burkett, Cindy\(R\)](#) Relating to a limitation on the amount of certain licensing fees charged by state agencies.

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

[HB 1095](#) [Shaheen, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1137](#) [Davis, Yvonne\(D\)](#) Relating to restrictions on tax and fee benefits for certain private entities that outsource jobs to foreign countries.

Bill History: 01-19-17 H Filed

[HB 1169](#) [Button, Angie\(R\)](#) Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for certain items sold by small businesses in this state during a limited period.

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1196](#) [Button, Angie\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

Companions: [HB 2456](#) Schubert, Leighton (F) (Refiled from 84R Session)

[HB 1052](#) Schubert, Leighton (Identical)
2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means
[SB 178](#) Estes, Craig (Identical)
1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1230](#) [Blanco, Cesar\(D\)](#) Relating to franchise tax credits for
businesses that employ veterans.

Bill History: 01-24-17 H Filed

[HB 1330](#) [Kuempel, John\(R\)](#) Relating to the exemption from ad valorem
taxation of income-producing tangible
personal property having a value of less than
a certain amount.

Companions: [SB 730](#) Bettencourt, Paul (Identical)
2-21-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 01-27-17 H Filed

[HB 1613](#) [Springer, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to adjustment of the rates of the
franchise tax.

Bill History: 02-07-17 H Filed

[HB 1621](#) [Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#) Relating to the transfer of certain unused
franchise tax credits.

Bill History: 02-07-17 H Filed

[HB 1723](#) [Leach, Jeff\(R\)](#) Relating to the allocation of certain surplus
state revenue for periodic reductions in the
state sales and use tax rates.

Bill History: 02-09-17 H Filed

[HB 2228](#) [Murphy, Jim\(R\)](#) Relating to deadlines for performing various
functions in connection with the ad valorem
tax system.

Companions: [SB 946](#) Bettencourt, Paul (Identical)
2-17-17 S Filed

Bill History: 02-21-17 H Filed

[HB 2250](#) [Darby, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to the classification of certain entities
as primarily engaged in retail trade for

purposes of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 02-22-17 H Filed

[HB 2314](#) [Murphy, Jim\(R\)](#)

Relating to liability for interest if land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as agricultural or open-space land is sold or diverted to a different use.

Companions: [SB 629](#) Schwertner, Charles (Identical)
2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 02-23-17 H Filed

[HJR 41](#) [Metcalf, Will\(R\)](#)

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) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[SJR 23](#) Creighton, Brandon (F) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[SJR 14](#) Creighton, Brandon (Identical)
1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 02-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HJR 58](#) [Schofield, Mike\(R\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax.

Bill History: 01-13-17 H Filed

[HJR 75](#) [Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to appropriate money from the economic stabilization fund to the foundation school fund and use the money to finance.

Bill History: 02-17-17 H Filed

[HJR 79](#) [Klick, Stephanie\(R\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax.

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Filed

[SB 2](#) [Bettencourt, Paul\(R\)](#)

Relating to ad valorem taxation.

Bill History: 01-24-17 S Introduced and referred to

committee on Senate Finance

[SB 17](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#) Relating to the decrease of the rates of the franchise tax under certain circumstances and the expiration of that tax.

Bill History: 02-28-17 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036
- Senate Finance

[SB 72](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#) Relating to the decrease of the rates of the franchise tax under certain circumstances and the expiration of that tax.

Bill History: 01-24-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

[SB 112](#) [Huffines, Donald\(R\)](#) Relating to the decrease of the rates of the franchise tax under certain circumstances and the expiration of that tax.

Bill History: 01-25-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

[SB 130](#) [Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#) Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 01-25-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

[SB 131](#) [Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#) Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

Companions:

HB 1134	Metcalf, Will (F)	(Refiled from 84R Session)
SB 331	Creighton, Brandon (F)	(Refiled from 84R Session)
HB 538	Metcalf, Will	(Identical)
2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations		

Bill History: 01-25-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

[SB 142](#) [Taylor, Van\(R\)](#) Relating to the determination of cost of goods sold for purposes of computing the franchise tax.

Companions:

HB 2674	Parker, Tan	(Refiled from 84R Session)
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Bill History: 02-28-17 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036
- Senate Finance

[SB 178](#)

[Estes, Craig\(R\)](#)

Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

Companions: [HB 1052](#) Schubert, Leighton (Identical)
2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means
[HB 1196](#) Button, Angie (Identical)
2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 01-25-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

[SB 575](#)

[Schwertner, Charles\(R\)](#)

Relating to the total revenue exemption for
the franchise tax.

Companions: [SB 8](#) Schwertner, Charles (Refiled
from
84R
Session)

Bill History: 02-28-17 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036
- Senate Finance

[SB 629](#)

[Schwertner, Charles\(R\)](#)

Relating to liability for the interest if land
appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as
agricultural or open-space land is sold or
diverted to a different use.

Companions: [HB 2314](#) Murphy, Jim (Identical)
2-23-17 H Filed

Bill History: 02-13-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

[SB 730](#)

[Bettencourt, Paul\(R\)](#)

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem
taxation of income-producing tangible
personal property having a value of less than
a certain amount.

Companions: [SB 762](#) Bettencourt, Paul (F) (Refiled
from 84R
Session)
[HB 1330](#) Kuempel, John (Identical)
1-27-17 H Filed

Bill History: 02-21-17 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

[SB 946](#)

[Bettencourt, Paul\(R\)](#)

Relating to deadlines for performing various
functions in connection with the ad valorem

tax system.

Companions: [HB 2228](#) Murphy, Jim (Identical)
2-21-17 H Filed

Bill History: 02-17-17 S Filed

[SB 1031](#) [Taylor, Larry\(R\)](#)

Relating to a deduction under the franchise tax for certain contracts with the federal government.

Companions: (Refiled from 84R Session)
[HB 637](#) Button, Angie
(Refiled from 84R Session)
[SB 514](#) Taylor, Larry
(Identical)
[HB 509](#) Button, Angie
2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 02-22-17 S Filed

[SJR 14](#) [Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

Companions: (Refiled from 84R Session)
[HJR 80](#) Metcalf, Will (F)
(Refiled from 84R Session)
[SJR 23](#) Creighton, Brandon (F)
(Identical)
[HJR 41](#) Metcalf, Will
2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

Bill History: 01-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

J - Choice of Law

[HB 45](#) [Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in this state.

Companions: (Refiled from 84R Session)
[HB 670](#) Flynn, Dan

Bill History: 02-13-17 H Introduced and referred to

committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 498](#) [Fallon, Pat\(R\)](#) 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.

Bill History: 02-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 1844](#) [Workman, Paul\(R\)](#) Relating to choice of law and venue for certain construction contracts.

Companions: [SB 807](#) Creighton, Brandon (Identical)
2-22-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 02-14-17 H Filed

[HB 2122](#) [Clardy, Travis\(R\)](#) Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act.

Companions: [SB 944](#) Hughes, Bryan (F) (Identical)
2-17-17 S Filed

Bill History: 02-20-17 H Filed

[SB 807](#) [Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#) Relating to choice of law and venue for certain construction contracts.

Companions: [HB 1844](#) Workman, Paul (Identical)
2-14-17 H Filed

Bill History: 02-22-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 944](#) [Hughes, Bryan \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Foreign-Country Money Judgments Recognition Act.

Companions: [HB 2122](#) Clardy, Travis (Identical)
2-20-17 H Filed

Bill History: 02-17-17 S Filed