

Legislative Update

88th Texas Legislature



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Introduction

- Overview of 88th Texas Legislative Session Calendar and Important Dates
- Advocacy and Involvement- Statewide and Local Initiatives
- Summary: Expectations and Important Bills
- Comments and Questions

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Calendar and Important Dates

- Monday, November 14, 2022: first day to file bills
- Tuesday, January 10, 2023: start of the 88th Regular Session
- Friday, March 10, 2023: 60-day bill filing deadline
- Monday, May 29, 2023: last day of Regular Session (sine die)

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Advocacy and Involvement

- Representation and Advocacy at the State
 - City Staff
 - Blackridge Texas
 - Texas Municipal League
- Local Priority Platforms
 - Community and Business Priorities
 - Departmental Associations and Memberships

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Expectations and Important Bills

- Record breaking revenue estimate for general purpose spending: \$188.23 billion (↑26% from previous biennium)
- \$32.8 billion budget surplus
- 87th Legislative Session: 8,000 bills filed between both House and Senate
 - Tracked 4,000 bills with potential impacts to cities

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Expectations and Important Bills

Focus Areas:

- Preemption
- Revenue Caps, Property Tax, Sales Tax, and other revenues
- Appraisal Caps
- Land Use and ETJ
- Elections and Debt
- Open Government
- Advocacy/Lobbying
- Public Safety
- Community and Economic Development
- Utilities
- Transportation



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Questions or Comments



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