



Legislative Update

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Major Issues

- **ESF Surplus**
- **Property tax relief**
- **Abortion**
- **School choice**
- **Gun control**
- **Electric grid**
- **Border security**
- **Foster care reform**
- **Chapter 313**
- **Taxpayer funded lobbying**



Major Sunset Reviews

- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)**
- **Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)**
- **Public Utility Commission (PUC)**
- **Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)**



Water Interim Charges House

- **Explore ways state can further support construction of a coastal barrier system.**
- **Examine condition of Texas' water and flood mitigation infrastructure capabilities...funding needs; sustainable funding sources to provide for water project development; cost-effective improvements that enhance the state's available water supply and improve the state's ability to desalinate seawater.**



Water Interim Charges House

- **Review current mechanisms used to compensate water right holders when the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality temporarily transfers a water right under an emergency authorization.**
- **Examine state's groundwater management policy and regulatory framework, including a review of large-scale water transfers and their impact on groundwater resources.**
- **Monitor newly adopted and proposed federal regulations, including regulations under consideration by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of waters of the United States.**



Water Interim Charges Senate

- **Evaluate the state's water infrastructure...options to upgrade water infrastructure to address deferred maintenance, disasters, and water loss.**
- **Review and make recommendations to complete specific projects identified in the 2022 State Water Plan...current regulatory process regarding innovative technology solutions such as marine desalination.**
- **Evaluate the status and effectiveness of the State's groundwater management process...whether statutory changes are needed to protect groundwater quality.**



Brazos River Authority