

FISCAL DISCIPLINE

House Bill 1 is a balanced budget that grows by less than 2 percent per year. That growth is less than population plus inflation and beneath the Constitutional spending limit.

House Bill 1 left \$11.1 billion in the Rainy Day Fund.

Senate Bill 20 provides new protections for taxpayers when state government hires private contractors to carry out services.

TAX RELIEF

The legislature cut more than \$4 billion in taxes and fees.

House Bill 32 cuts the business margins tax by 25 percent across the board, allowing entrepreneurs to invest more in their businesses and employees.

Senate Joint Resolution 1 increases the homestead exemption by \$10,000.

House Bill 7 reduces more than \$300 million in fees.

Senate Bill 1760 requires a supermajority vote of local governments looking to raise property taxes.

House Bill 2083 requires the use of generally accepted appraisal methods in appraisal appeals, making the process more consistent and transparent. The bill would level the playing field in the appeals process.

BUDGET TRANSPARENCY

House Bill 6 and House Bill 7 reduce the use of accounting gimmicks in the state budget, ensuring that fees are either eliminated or that revenues from those fees are used for their intended purposes.

House Bill 1 ends diversions of the gas tax. For the first time in decades, all of the money in the State Highway Fund will be used for transportation instead of getting diverted to other programs.

House Bill 1378 requires all local taxing entities to post financial statements and local government contracts online.

BORDER SECURITY

House Bill 1 more than doubles resources for border security, providing funding for additional manpower and technology.

House Bill 11 enhances penalties related to human smuggling, allows the Public Safety Commission to establish a reserve officer corps of state troopers, and improves communication among law enforcement agencies.

House Bill 10 strengthens state efforts to eradicate human trafficking.

House Bill 12 establishes a Border Prosecution Unit. That unit will facilitate cooperation among prosecutors, provide investigative assistance, and develop best practices for the investigation of border crimes.

Senate Bill 374 requires state agencies and public universities to use the E-Verify system to protect against the hiring of those who are in the country illegally.

TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Senate Joint Resolution 5 constitutionally dedicates at least \$2.5 billion for transportation. This creates a steady, predictable funding stream without raising taxes, fees or tolls.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

House Bill 4 provides incentive funding for pre-kindergarten programs that reach certain quality standards.

House Bill 2804 creates a new A-F rating system for public schools. It also reforms the school accountability system to decrease the emphasis on state-mandated standardized tests and incorporate locally designed measures of student and community engagement.

House Bill 114 puts new controls on borrowing by local school districts. It limits the amount of capital appreciation bonds a district could issue to 25 percent of its total bond indebtedness. It requires a district to publish online the principle and interest of existing CAB debt.

PROTECTING LIFE

House Bill 3994 closes loopholes in the judicial bypass process for minors seeking abortions.

House Bill 416 requires abortion clinic employees to undergo training to identify and assist victims of human trafficking.

House Bill 3374 requires a medical provider to furnish information about treatment options and resources for Down Syndrome to new or expectant parents following a Down Syndrome diagnosis.

House Bill 3074 requires artificial hydration and nutrition to be provided to patients in the natural process of death.

House Bill 177 would create the Texas Adult Stem Cell Research Coordinating Board and encourage further medical research using adult stem cells.

House Bill 1 excludes Planned Parenthood from the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program and continues to exclude Planned Parenthood from women's health programs.

Senate Bill 2065 provides legal protections for pastors so they do not have to perform marriages that violate their religious beliefs.

HONORING MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY AND VETERANS

House Bill 19 strengthens the network of preventative services and mental health resources available to members of the military, veterans and their families. It creates local committees that would develop a plan to identify and support veterans' needs in communities across the state.

House Joint Resolution 75 fixes a gap in eligibility for fully disabled veterans who pass away before the effective date of the property tax exemption they had earned. It allows those benefits to be transferred to the veteran's spouse.

House Bill 1762 requires the Texas Veterans Commission to establish a health care advocacy program to help veterans access U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs facilities.

House Bill 437 ensures that anyone rejoining a state agency after military service is immediately allowed to receive health care benefits.

Senate Bill 807 facilitates employment of skilled veterans by waiving examination and fee requirements for veterans obtaining licenses issued by the state.

ETHICS

House Bill 1690 removes from the Travis County District Attorney's Office the prosecution of public officials on corruption-related charges.

House Bill 3736 requires the member of a state agency governing board to disclose contracts with public entities and refrain from participating in decisions where a conflict exists.

House Bill 1295 requires state officials and candidates to disclose contracts with governmental entities.

House Bill 3517 closes a loophole that allows certain independent contractors to avoid registering as lobbyists and reporting expenditures while lobbying for lucrative state contracts.

SECOND AMENDMENT

House Bill 910 allows for the open carry of handguns.

Senate Bill 11 expressly allows the carrying of concealed handguns on college campuses.

Senate Bill 273 imposes civil fines on agencies, cities or counties that improperly post signs prohibiting concealed handguns where they are in fact allowed.

House Bill 2604 makes it less burdensome for members of the military and law enforcement to obtain a Concealed Handgun License.

Senate Joint Resolution 22 establishes the constitutional right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife.