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Dates and Stats 86th Regular Session



86th Session Important Dates



86th Session Interim Reports

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Interim Report : 2017 Hurricane Harvey
Response
to the
86th Legislature



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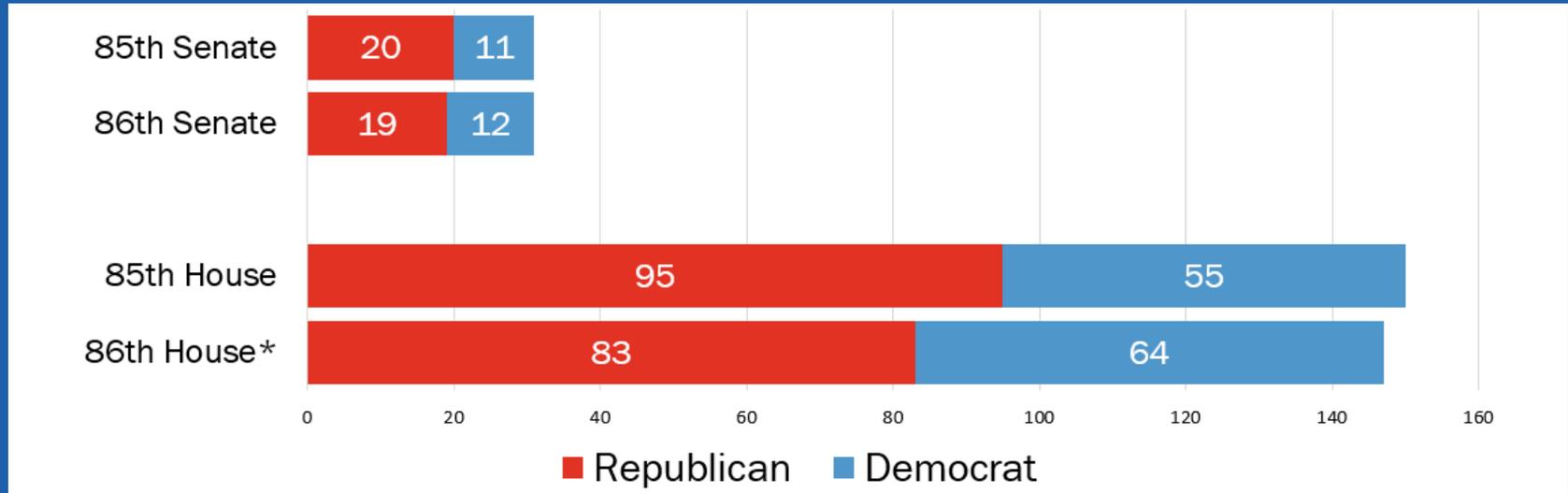
INTERIM REPORT *to the 86th Texas Legislature*



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES

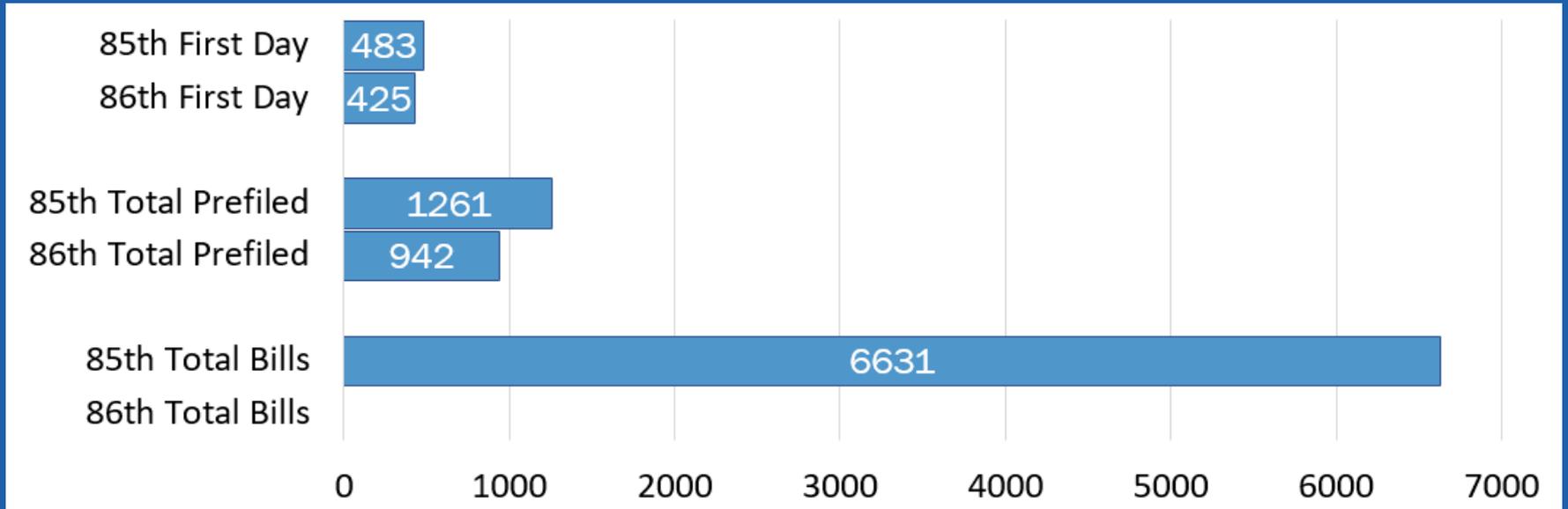
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86th Session Party Stats



* Three open seats (Harris Co., Bexar Co., and El Paso Co.) subject to special election.

86th Bill Stats



Total bill filing is behind pace of the 85th Regular Session

86th Leadership



Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick



House Speaker Dennis Bonnen

Bills of Interest



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Water Availability Model Updates, HB 723 (Larson):

- Originally authorized in Senate Bill 1 (1997).
- Developed between 1998-2004.
- Brazos, Guadalupe, Nueces, Red, Rio Grande, San Antonio, and San Jacinto basins.
- To be completed by December 1, 2022.
- Update period of record data, not model itself.



Bills of Interest

HB 100 (Johnson):

- Modifies Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 2056.
- Requires consideration of expected changes in services provided by agencies because of changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability, as determined by the Texas state climatologist.
- Requires biennial reports by state climatologist on projected changes.
- TCEQ, TWDB, TPWD and PUCT.



Bills of Interest

HB 219 (Reynolds):

- Municipalities presently authorized to adopt comprehensive plans for long-range development (Local Gov't Code Ch. 213).
- Long-range plans must be updated every five years.
- Cities that adopt long-range plans must adopt “environmental evaluation report.”
- Detailing adverse and beneficial effects of plan implementation on air, water and soil quality.



Bills of Interest

HB 245 (Farrar):

- Internet posting of water rights applications by applicant.
- Application and supporting materials.
- Subsequent revisions and supplements to application.



Bills of Interest

HB 654 (Dutton):

- Amends Water Code Ch. 5 definition of “affected person.”
- Adds state senator and state representative to list.



Bills of Interest

HB 720 (Larson, refile):

- Addresses appropriations of water for use in ASR projects.
- Authorizes appropriation of water that is not continuously available for ASR projects.
- Expedited procedure for permitting action.
- Authorizes TCEQ rule adoptions for required availability and applications of e-flow standards.
- Conversion applications from surface impoundment to ASR exempt from notice and hearing requirements if no increase in diversion.



Bills of Interest

HB 721 (Larson, refile):

- TWDB studies and reports on ASR.
- Projects identified in state water plan or by interested persons.
- Report study results to RWPGs and interested persons.
- Stand-alone state-wide study of major and minor aquifers as to suitability for ASR, to be completed by December 15, 2020.



Bills of Interest

HB 722 (Larson, refile as amended):

- GCD rules for permits in “designated brackish groundwater production zones (DBGPZ).”
- Zones to be identified by TWDB under existing law.
- GCD rule adoption by petition, 180-day deadline.
- Requires 30-year permit term.
- Requires simplified permitting procedure for brackish groundwater.
- Requires GCD rules to specify water available from DBGPZ is in addition to MAG limits.



Bills of Interest

HB 724 (Larson, refile):

- Governs reuse of treated brackish groundwater and return flows from treated brackish groundwater.
- Automatic bed-and-banks for both.
- TCEQ “shall grant” diversionary rights for IBTs of treated brackish groundwater and return flows derived therefrom.



Bills of Interest

HB 726 (Larson):

- Amendments to Water Code Ch. 36.
- Regulatory freeze: GCD rules in place on date of application govern.
- Prohibits separate permit requirement for export.
- Retains separate export fee authority for GCDs.
- Limits and conditions GCD authority to adopt permitting moratoria.



Bills of Interest

HB 807 (Larson):

- Creates interregional planning council in state water plan process.
- One member of each RWPG.
- Improve coordination among RWPGs, facilitate dialogue regarding interregional strategies, provide report to TWDB.
- Requires RWPs to address counterproductive variations in drought response strategies among user groups.
- Requires RWPs to address potential for ASR, and set a GPCD goal for municipal users.



Flooding Bills

- HB 26, Metcalf: Texas dam release alert system; new dam subchapter of Water Code Ch. 12.
- HB 34, Raymond: Statewide disaster alert system.
- HB 137, Hinojosa: Notice to political subdivisions of high hazard or significant hazard dam classification.
- HB 478, Phelan: Flood Infrastructure Fund at TWDB.



Flooding Bills

- HB 801, Walle: Establishment of task force to study flood control infrastructure in Harris County.
- SB 339, Huffman: Requires residential seller's disclosure where property is in a 100- or 500-year floodplain, is within the flood pool of a reservoir, or is within five miles downstream of a reservoir and may flood or has flooded.



Other Bills of Interest

- HB 412, Larson: requires a nonconference, regular-season football game between UT and TAMU on the fourth Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of November each year.
- State-funded football scholarship death penalty.



Tuxedo Yoda @TuxedoYoda · 11/27/18

Replying to [@chucklindell](#)

I remember when the [@GOP](#) was about small government, and not about legislating football.



Chris Miller @CMiller512 · 11/27/18

Yea [@RepLyleLarson](#), "real aggies" are content with Texas keeping our dominant 75-37-5 record against them. Shame on you for trying to improve that!
[#playthegame](#)

Questions?

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