



STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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**Air Quality Technical Working Group Quarterly
Meeting**

March 6, 2025

November 12, 2024

Bill Filing for the 88th
Texas Legislature
Began

January 14, 2025

89th Session of the
Texas Legislature
Convenes

March 14, 2025

Bill Filing Deadline
(Excluding Local Bills)

June 2, 2025

Final Day of the 89th
Regular Session

June 22, 2025

Last Day Governor
Can Sign or Veto Bills

89th TEXAS LEGISLATURE - DATES OF INTEREST



RTC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

AIR QUALITY PRIORITIES TO SUPPORT

- Return ~\$80 million in air quality user fees to counties for Local Initiatives Projects
- Support legislation to improve air quality, including stricter emissions inspections, reducing truck idling, and enhancing tire disposal programs
- Modernize Local Initiative Projects (LIP) for greater flexibility in transportation and air quality improvements
- Protect the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Trust Fund to ensure funds support TERP initiatives, including zero-emission infrastructure
- Update TERP to support innovative emission reduction efforts, including heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure



BILLS OF INTEREST

AIR QUALITY

- Would redistribute LIRAP funds to counties for air quality/transportation uses (HB 1361/SB 861)
- Tire disposal programs (HB 464/SB 910, HB 1463)
- Emissions
 - Revising Texas's motor vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program to meet only the minimum federal Clean Air Act requirements and setting conditions for eliminating the program if requirements change (SB 1799)
 - Conducting additional analysis for permits (HB 853/SB 429, SB 273)
 - Changes to TCEQ public hearing requirements (SB 212, HB 1412)
 - Concrete batch plant permits, monitoring emissions, locations, public meeting notifications, task force on concrete plant pollution (various)



BILLS OF INTEREST

AIR QUALITY

- Emissions (cont.)
 - Would regulate facilities that store and distribute benzene or other volatile organic compounds by requiring emission control devices, continuous air quality monitoring, regular inspections, and instituting penalties and incentives for compliance through a grant program (HB 2824)
 - Would establish a program for monitoring methane emissions utilizing funds from the Texas emissions reduction plan (HB 3263)
- Climate Change
 - Would mandate TCEQ to create climate change impact reports, annual greenhouse gas inventories, and action plans in Texas (HB 1438)
 - Would mandate Texas State University to conduct a study on the future impacts of climate change and the state's preparedness to address those impacts (HB 1526)



BILLS OF INTEREST

AIR QUALITY

- Alternative Fuel/Electric Vehicles
 - Expands grant eligibility for alternative fueling facilities, exempting certain transit-owned or high-population/nonattainment area facilities from public access requirements (HB 205)
 - Creates the Electric Truck Advisory Council to guide adoption and infrastructure planning for electric trucks (HB 1846)
 - Establishes the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Advisory Board to advise on EV charging station standards, expiring in 2030 (SB 1495)
 - Sets rules for EV interconnection to the ERCOT grid, including selling stored electricity and market participation (HB 3511)



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