

# 2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

MAY 12, 2015

# PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

Discuss Progress of the 2015 Legislative Session

Significant Issues of 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

Significant Legislative Issues facing Austin

Timeline and Questions



# **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF THE 84<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE**

**Budget**

**Tax Cuts/Tax Reform**

**Public/Higher Education**


**Immigration and Border Security**

**Transportation Funding**


**Guns**




# SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FOR AUSTIN

- ▶ SB 1945 (Fraser) deregulation of Austin Energy (Senate Intent Calendar)
  - ▶ HB 3958 (Workman) limits Austin Energy GFT (House LRM Committee)
  - ▶ HB 2221 (Huberty)/SB 1639 (Campbell) Annexation Vote (House Floor 5/10)
  - ▶ SB 267 (Perry)/HB 2909 (Springer) preempts Source of Income ordinance (House Floor 5/12)
  - ▶ HB 2440(Paddie) preempts TNC ordinance (House Calendars Committee)
  - ▶ HB 3488 (Israel) allows de-credenting decisions of EMS medical director to be appealed to SOAH (House Calendars Committee)
  - ▶ HB 2870 (Alonzo) prescribed burns (passed House)
  - ▶ HB 1324 (Israel) buses on shoulders (passed House)
  - ▶ HB 594 (Israel) SH-130 Tolls (House Floor 5/13)
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# SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FOR AUSTIN

- ▶ **HB 1472 (Workman)** Chapter 245 Vesting Rights (House Floor 5/13)
  - ▶ **HB 3876 (Workman)** Chapter 245 Vesting Rights (House Calendars Committee)
  - ▶ **SB182 (Bettencourt)** revenue caps (Senate Finance)
  - ▶ **SB 1760 (Creighton)** vote on tax rate (House Ways & Means)
  - ▶ **HB 3620 (Isaac)** prohibits Austin from extending infrastructure through an unincorporated area in the ETJ to provide water and wastewater services to regional facilities (House LRM)
  - ▶ **HB 3621 (Isaac)** takes away part of the Austin's ETJ (House LRM)
  - ▶ **HB 3622 (Isaac)** requires Austin to provide water service to small city in ETJ but prohibits city from recovering cost of service provide (House Natural Resources)
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# SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FOR AUSTIN

- ▶ **SB 343 (Huffines) turns Home Rule cities into General Law cities** (Senate State Affairs)
  - ▶ **SB 360 (Estes) regulatory taking** (Senate State Affairs)
  - ▶ **HB 1556 (Miller) (House Urban Affairs)/SB 1155 (Hall) (Senate State Affairs)/HB 1911(Leach) (House Urban Affairs) preempts local non-discrimination ordinances**
  - ▶ **HB 912 (Isaac) prohibits cities from protesting wastewater discharge permits** (passed House)
  - ▶ **HB 1939 (Rinaldi) (House Urban Affairs Committee)/SB 1806 (Estes) preemption of Plastic Bag Ban and other city ordinances** (Senate State Affairs Committee)
  - ▶ **HB 2073 (Isaac) prohibits Austin from protesting wastewater discharge permits** (House Natural Resources)
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# LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE

January 13, 2015: Legislature convened

March 13, 2015: Filing deadline for statewide bills

May 14-15, 2015: HB's must be considered on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading

May 26-27, 2015: SB's must be considered on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading

June 1, 2015: Regular session ends

June 21, 2015: Last day for Governor to veto

August 31, 2015: effective date of all new bill adopted unless  
specific effective date set



# QUESTIONS

