

2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

May 19, 2015

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

- Discuss Progress of the 2015 Legislative Session
- Significant Issues of 84th Legislative Session
- Significant Legislative Issues facing Austin
- Timeline and Questions

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF THE 84th LEGISLATURE

- Budget
- Tax Cuts/Tax Reform
- Public/Higher Education
- Immigration and Border Security
- Transportation Funding
- Guns

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FOR AUSTIN

- SB 1639 (Campbell) Annexation Vote (Senate)
- SB 267 (Perry)preempts Source of Income ordinance (House Calendars)
- SB182 (Bettencourt) revenue caps (Senate Finance)
- SB 1760 (Creighton) vote on tax rate (House Ways & Means)
- SB 279/SJR 20 (Watson) Flat Dollar Homestead Exemption (House Ways & Means)
- HB 2870 (Alonzo) prescribed burns (in the Senate)
- HB 1324 (Israel) buses on shoulders (in the Senate)
- SB 1806 (Estes) preemption of Plastic Bag Ban and other city ordinances (Senate State Affairs Committee)
- HB 912 (Isaac) prohibits cities from protesting wastewater discharge permits (Senate Ag, Water & Rural Affairs)

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