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## February 2025 Monthly Update



### RRC Approves Brine Production Rule

Late last year, TLMA submitted comments on the Railroad Commission's proposed rule for Class V Brine Production Wells. We are pleased that the RRC incorporated several of our recommendations including key provisions on acreage assignment and record retention. While the RRC did not adopt all of our suggestions, we appreciate the Commission's

thoughtful consideration and commitment to strengthening the rule.

We look forward to the continued growth of the brine production industry and the opportunities this rule will support.

You can view the finalized rule, along with comments on the accepted changes, at this [link](#).



### **Governor Abbott's State of the State: Emergency Items for the 89th Legislative Session**

At the beginning of February, Governor Greg Abbott delivered his State of the State address outlining his priority emergency items for the 89th legislative session including the following:

1. Property tax relief
2. Water infrastructure investment
3. Teacher pay raises
4. Expanding career training
5. School choice
6. Bail reform
7. Establishing the Texas Cyber Command

As of today, the House has yet to take action on any of these priorities. Meanwhile, the Senate has passed all but three: water infrastructure investment, career

training expansion, and the creation of the Texas Cyber Command.

The full text of his speech is available [at this link](#).



## **Lt. Governor Patrick Announces Priorities for 89th Legislature**

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick also outlined his priorities for the legislative session. While his list is more extensive than Governor Abbott's, these bills do not receive the same formal advantages as designated emergency items:

Senate Bill 1 – Senate's Budget for Texas

Senate Bill 2 – Providing School Choice

Senate Bill 3 – Banning THC in Texas

Senate Bill 4 – Increasing the Homestead Exemption to \$140,000 (\$150,000 for seniors)

Senate Bill 5 – Combatting Alzheimer's – Establishing DPRIT (Dementia Prevention & Research Institute of Texas)

Senate Bill 6 – Increasing Texas' Electric Grid Reliability

Senate Bill 7 – Increasing Investments in Texas' Water Supply

Senate Bill 8 – Requiring Local Law Enforcement to Assist the Federal Government's Deportation Efforts

Senate Bill 9 – Reforming Bail – Keeping Violent Criminals Off Our Streets

Senate Bill 10 – Placing the Ten Commandments in

School

Senate Bill 11 – Protecting the Freedom to Pray in School

Senate Bill 12 – Establishing a Parental Bill of Rights in Public Education

Senate Bill 13 – Guarding Against Inappropriate Books in Public Schools

Senate Bill 14 – Texas DOGE – Improving Government Efficiency

Senate Bill 15 – Removing Barriers to Affordable Housing

Senate Bill 16 – Stopping Non-Citizens from Voting

Senate Bill 17 – Stopping Foreign Adversaries’ Land Grabs

Senate Bill 18 – Stopping Drag Time Story Hour

Senate Bill 19 – Stopping Taxpayer Dollars for Lobbyists

Senate Bill 20 – Stopping AI Child Pornography

Senate Bill 21 – Establishing the Texas Bitcoin Reserve

Senate Bill 22 – Establishing Texas as America’s Film Capital

Senate Bill 23 – Removing the Cap on the Rainy Day Fund to Secure Texas’ Long-term Financial Future

Senate Bill 24 – Educating Texas Students on the Horrors of Communism

Senate Bill 25 – Making Texas Healthy Again

Lt. Governor Dan Patrick has yet to announce his second round of priorities.



## House Committee Assignments Announced

Speaker Dustin Burrows has released committee assignments for the 89th Legislature. You can view the assignments by [\[member here\]](#) and [\[by committee here\]](#).

We will closely monitor all committees with bills of interest, though we anticipate most relevant legislation will move through the House Energy Resources Committee.

With former Chairman Craig Goldman departing the House after his successful congressional bid, Representative Drew Darby is again Chairman of the House Energy Resources Committee. Serving alongside him are Vice-Chair Eddie Morales, Jr., Representatives Tom Craddick, Gary Gates, R.D. “Bobby” Guerra, Jay Dean, Paul Dyson, Josey Garcia, Stan Gerdes, Ron Reynolds, and Jon Rosenthal.

We look forward to tracking the committee’s work throughout the session.



## Stay Updated: TLMA’s Bill Tracker Now Online!

Bill filing for the 89th Legislative Session is in full swing, and TLMA is closely monitoring key legislation.

A comprehensive list of the bills we are tracking is available on our [website](#) and is updated regularly.

Please note that this list does not indicate TLMA's stance on any bill, nor does it guarantee that we will take a position. I strongly encourage you to check back frequently for updates.

If you notice a bill we may have missed, please email [execdir@tlma.org](mailto:execdir@tlma.org) so we can ensure it's added to our tracker.

The bill filing deadline is Friday, March 14; stay informed and engaged!



## Key Bill Topics on Our Radar

While we are tracking a broad range of legislation this session, a few key topics particularly have our attention including:

- Carbon Sequestration – pore space ownership and liability
- Produced Water
- Wildfire Mitigation & Cleanup
- Easement Impacts
- Well Plugging Efforts
- Renewable Energy

We value our members' insights on these and other issues that may impact you. If you have experiences or concerns to share, please contact us at

[execdir@tlma.org](mailto:execdir@tlma.org). Your feedback helps guide our efforts!

Do you have a topic or issues you want to be included in the monthly newsletter? Please email it to [info@tlma.org](mailto:info@tlma.org) for review and potential inclusion.

## Upcoming Dates of Interest

Friday, March 14 – 60<sup>th</sup> day of legislative session, final day to file a bill

Tuesday, March 18 – *Cactus Water Services v. COG Operating* Oral Arguments, Livestream

House Committee Hearing Schedule

Senate Natural Resources will meet Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m.

## Additional Articles and Links

Do you need to update your contact information? Please email [info@tlma.org](mailto:info@tlma.org) for assistance.

[Why oil and gas companies want state oversight for carbon dioxide injection](#)

[Opielas Settle Suits Against Magnolia on Allocation and PSA Wells](#)

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