

Texas Legislature Update

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Overview

88th Legislative Session

Important Dates:

- Session Convened – January 10, 2023
- Session Ends (Sine Die) – May 29, 2023

- Last Day for Vetoes – June 18, 2023

Today is the 134th day of the session, out of 140

General Air Quality

- **SB 1555** – Adds additional rules relating to public hearings required prior for air quality permits for concrete batch plants
 - Left in committee
- **SB 2102/HB 4127** – Establishes registration and inspection fees for certain rental vehicles
 - Sent to Governor
- **SB 2152/HB 4932** – Requires TCEQ to ascertain the contribution of foreign emissions detected at each federal monitoring site and recommend potential updates to the State Implementation Plan to take those results into account
 - Approved by House and Senate. Will be sent to Governor
- **HB 4536** – Requires TCEQ to evaluate some permits at least once every six years to determine whether the authority to operate for that facility should be renewed
 - Left in committee

TERP

- **HB 4885** – Amends the TERP program
 - Adds a grant program to assist in the purchase of hydrogen infrastructure, hydrogen vehicles, and other related equipment (maximum \$8 million)
 - Doubles the number of available Light-Duty Vehicle Purchase of Lease Incentive Program from 2,000 to 4,000 per biennium. Adds language allowing TCEQ to adjust these limitations based on previous demand for incentives
 - Many small adjustments to spending percentages
 - Approved by House and Senate. Will be sent to Governor

Climate

- **HB 57** – Requires TCEQ to develop a climate change impact report to be completed by 6/1/2024 updated every four years and a subsequent climate action plan to be published 6 months after every
 - Left in committee
- **SB 784/HB 2211** – Municipalities or other political subdivisions within the state may not enact ordinances or other measures that directly regulate Greenhouse Gases
 - Sent to Governor
- **HB 846** – Creates a Climate Change Impact Assessment Council and charges the council to study impact of climate change on citizens health, safety and welfare and provide a report to the legislature by 01/01/2025
 - Left in committee
- **SB 1860/HB 4930** – Municipalities may not request voter approval for the addition of a climate policy to a municipal charter unless approved by the legislature
 - Sent to Governor
- **SB 2243/HB 1158** – Creates a new TCEQ grant program for advanced clean energy projects and certain other projects that reduce or eliminate carbon dioxide emissions. Eligible projects include those that utilize carbon capture, use, and reuse technologies and projects that are constructed next to petrochemical plants or electric generation facilities for coal, natural gas, hydrogen, or ammonia.
 - Passed out of House committee. Left in Senate committee

Electric Vehicles

- **SB 505/HB 2199** – \$200 fee on electric vehicles to pay for the use of roads and bridges.
 - Signed by Governor
- **HB 821** – Would allow state lands to be leased for EV charging stations
 - Pending Senate vote
- **SB 1001/HB 3343** – The bill assures that public chargers will be inspected by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, the same people who inspect gas pumps. It also creates a complaint process and ensures prices are clearly posted on chargers.
 - Sent to Governor
- **SB 1002** – Assures public charging services are provided competitively, requires fast-tracking of utility infrastructure upgrades needed to provide charging services, allows utilities to recover their costs, and allows utilities to install chargers in limited areas where no competitors have provided services.
 - Signed by Governor
- **SB 1212/HB 2793** – Allows EV users to reduce demand from charging or provide energy stored in their EV back to the electric grid for compensation.
 - Left pending in Senate

Electric Vehicles (cont.)

- **SB 1732/HB 5120** – Would provide universal charging access and assure that adapters are present at all charging stations, allowing any EV to charge at any charging station.
 - Sent to Governor
- **HB 2191/SB 2508** – The Omnibus Electric Transportation Act requires numerous state agencies to develop a plan for assuring EVs have adequate charging, mitigate the possible overloading of the grid, and increase state grants for electrifying heavily polluting pickups and delivery vans and light duty vehicles.
 - Left pending in committee
- **HB 3014** – Exempts battery electric vehicles from state inspection and maintenance program
 - Sent to Governor
- **HB 3284/SB 1364** – Increases weight limitations for natural gas and electric vehicles
 - Sent to Governor
- **HB 4195** – Allows apartment renters to install EV charging at their own expense.
 - Left pending in committee

Questions?