

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 108th day of the session, out of 140

General Air Quality

- **SB 2102** – Establishes registration and inspection fees for certain rental vehicles
 - Passed the Senate 30-1
 - The companion, HB 4127, has a scheduled public hearing
- **HB 4932** – Requires TCEQ to ascertain the amount of out-of-state emissions detected at each federal monitoring site and to update the State Implementation Plan in response to those results
 - Passed out of committee
- **SB 1555** – Adds additional rules relating to public hearings required prior for air quality permits for concrete batch plants
 - Referred to committee
 - The companion, HB 2905, is in committee
- **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
 - Referred to committee

TERP

- **HB 4885** – Amends the TERP program to add a grant program to assist in the purchase of hydrogen infrastructure, hydrogen vehicles, and other related equipment
 - Passed out of committee

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
 - Referred to committee
- **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
 - Referred to committee
- **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 committee
 - The companion, SB 2243, is in committee

Electric Vehicles

- **HB 821** – Would allow state lands to be leased for EV charging stations
 - Passed House 136 -12
 - Senate companion to be announced soon
- **SB 1001** – 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.
 - Passed the Senate 28-3
 - The companion, HB 3343, has passed out of committee
- **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.
 - Unanimously passed the Senate
 - The companion, HB 3508, has passed out of committee
- **SB 505** – \$200 fee on electric vehicles to pay for the use of roads and bridges.
 - Unanimously passed the Senate
 - The companion, HB 2199, will be voted on this week

Electric Vehicles (cont.)

- **SB 1732** – Would provide universal charging access and assure that adapters are present at all charging stations, allowing any EV to charge at any charging station.
 - Passed the Senate 26-3
 - The companion, HB 5120, has passed out of committee
- **SB 1212** – Allows EV users to reduce demand from charging or provide energy stored in their EV back to the electric grid for compensation.
 - Unanimously passed the Senate
 - The companion, HB 2793, is in committee
- **HB 4195** – Allows apartment renters to install EV charging at their own expense.
 - Is in committee
- **HB 2191** – 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.
 - Not yet scheduled for a committee
 - The companion, HB 2508, has not yet been scheduled for a committee

Questions?