



SPEER San Antonio Workshop Legislative Update



Texas Legislative Session at a Glance

- ▶ Texas 88th Legislative Session began in January
 - ▶ Over 9,000 pieces of legislation filed so far
 - ▶ SPEER Tracking 180 total bills
 - ▶ March 10th was filing deadline for unrestricted bills and resolutions
 - ▶ Committees have been formed and have begun hearing bills
 - ▶ Sine die May 29th

SPEER - TX Legislative Priority Bills

- ▶ **EERS and DR Incentives:** SPEER supports efforts to increase energy efficiency and DR solutions to reduce total demand across the state.
 - ▶ SB 258, SB 114, HB 4784 and HB 3964 Relating to Energy Efficiency Goals ***for IOUs only***
 - ▶ HB 743/SB 783 Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to regulate the use of an appliance, system, or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane; referred to committees
- ▶ **Appropriations:** SPEER supports efforts to pursue additional federal funding that may act as a boost to further deployment of energy efficiency technologies.
 - ▶ SB 1/HB 1 General Appropriations Act; HB 1 placed on intent calendar
 - ▶ HB 4811/SB 2404 Relating to the creation of the Texas Energy Efficiency Council to foster collaboration, coordination, and communication to enhance the state's energy efficiency performance; and strategically utilize the state's resources to optimize the benefits of energy efficiency programs; left pending in H committee
 - ▶ HB 3061 Relating to the creation of certain energy efficiency programs; referred to committee
- ▶ **Equity:** SPEER supports actions to increase total energy efficiency spending for low-income households.

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- ▶ **Workforce Development:** SPEER supports continued workforce development with specific focus on veterans, and historically underutilized and disadvantaged businesses.
 - ▶ HB 1755 Relating to the creation of the Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund; committee report sent to calendars
 - ▶ HB 1780 Relating to the creation by the Texas Workforce Commission of a program to assist with transitioning certain workers to clean energy jobs; referred to committee
- ▶ **Updated Building Codes:** SPEER supports updating outdated statewide building codes and efficient appliances.
 - ▶ SB 674 Relating to municipal and county building codes/ HB 2408 Relating to residential and commercial building codes of municipalities; referred
 - ▶ HB 3312/SB 2453 Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the building products, materials, or methods used in the construction of residential or commercial buildings; referred
- ▶ **Transmission Buildout:** SPEER supports continued efforts to review and enhance transmission infrastructure planning.
 - ▶ HB 1254 Relating to certificates of public convenience and necessity for certain transmission projects; referred
- ▶ **Climate Action:** SPEER supports developing a climate action plan to address these situations through forward-looking mitigation efforts.
 - ▶ HB 846 Relating to the creation of the Climate Change Impact Assessment Council; referred

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- ▶ **Municipal Utility Regulation:**
 - ▶ SB 783/HB 743 Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to regulate the use of an appliance, system, or component that is fueled by natural gas or propane; left pending in committee
 - ▶ SB 1110 Relating to the authority of a municipality to transfer revenue of a municipal utility to the general fund of the municipality; left pending in Senate committee
 - ▶ HB 2127/SB 814 Relating to state preemption of certain municipal and county regulation; left pending in Senate committee

Texas - Other areas of bill interest

- ▶ Several bills filed regarding electricity grid (including priority bills from Senate)
- ▶ Bills geared towards protecting/attacking renewables
- ▶ Several bills filed targeting Austin Energy operations and oversight
- ▶ Sunset legislation for PUCT, OPUC, and ERCOT functions
- ▶ Several bills filed on EV and electrification of various sectors