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## PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker pro tempore.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 37).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Alders; Allen; Anchía; Ashby; Barry; Bell, C.; Bell, K.; Bernal; Bhojani; Bonnen; Bowers; Bryant; Buckley; Bucy; Bumgarner; Button; Cain; Canales; Capriglione; Cole; Collier; Cook; Cortez; Craddick; Cunningham; Curry; Darby; Davis, A.; Davis, Y.; Dean; DeAyala; Dorazio; Dutton; Dyson; Fairly; Flores; Frank; Gámez; Garcia, J.; Garcia, L.; Garcia Hernandez; Gates; Gerdes; Geren; Gervin-Hawkins; González, J.; González, M.; Goodwin; Guerra; Guillen; Harless; Harris; Harris Davila; Harrison; Hayes; Hefner; Hernandez; Hickland; Hinojosa; Holt; Hopper; Howard; Hull; Hunter; Isaac; Johnson; Jones, J.; Jones, V.; Kerwin; King; Kitzman; LaHood; Lalani; Lambert; Landgraf; Leach; Leo Wilson; Little; Longoria; Lopez, J.; Lopez, R.; Louderback; Lowe; Lozano; Lujan; Luther; Manuel; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McLaughlin; McQueeney; Metcalf; Meyer; Meza; Money; Moody(C); Morales, C.; Morales, E.; Morales Shaw; Morgan; Muñoz; Noble; Olcott; Oliverson; Ordaz; Orr; Patterson; Paul; Perez, M.; Perez, V.; Phelan; Pierson; Plesa; Raymond; Reynolds; Richardson; Rodríguez Ramos; Romero; Rose; Rosenthal; Schatzline; Schofield; Schoolcraft; Shaheen; Shofner; Simmons; Slawson; Smithee; Spiller; Swanson; Talarico; Tepper; Thompson; Tinderholt; Toth; Troxclair; Turner; VanDeaver; Vasut; Villalobos; Virdell; Vo; Walle; Ward Johnson; Wharton; Wilson; Wu; Zwiener.

Absent, Excused — Campos.

The invocation was offered by Eric Folkerth, lead pastor, Kessler Park United Methodist Church, Dallas.

The chair recognized Representative McLaughlin who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Campos on motion of J. Garcia.

(Speaker in the chair)

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

### CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The chair presented Dr. Erica Swegler of Austin as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Swegler and thanked them for their participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

### REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS SUSPENDED

On motion of Representative Geren and by unanimous consent, the reading and referral of bills was postponed until just prior to adjournment.

### COMMITTEES GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Hunter moved that the house grant permission for all committees and subcommittees to meet while the house is in session, pursuant to their committee postings or recess motions. For purposes of this motion, committees and subcommittees scheduled to meet or reconvene today upon final adjournment or recess or during bill referral if permission is granted are authorized to convene upon adoption by the house of today's adjournment motion.

Permission to meet was granted.

### HR 480 - ADOPTED (by Tepper)

Representative Tepper moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 480**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 480**, Recognizing March 12, 2025, as Texas Tech University System Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 480** was adopted.

On motion of Representative Moody, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 480** as signers thereof.

### INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The chair recognized Representative Tepper who introduced representatives of the Texas Tech University System.

### HR 498 - ADOPTED (by Martinez)

Representative Martinez moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 498**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 498**, Recognizing March 12, 2025, as South Texas ISD Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 498** was adopted.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Martinez who introduced representatives of the South Texas Independent School District.

(Geren in the chair)

### **HR 518 - ADOPTED (by Anchía)**

Representative Anchía moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 518**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 518**, Recognizing March 12, 2025, as Children's Health ECMO Day at the State Capitol.

**HR 518** was adopted.

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Anchía who introduced representatives of the ECMO program at Children's Health in Dallas.

### **HR 195 - INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

The chair recognized Representative Walle who introduced Mario K. Castillo and members of his family.

(Speaker in the chair)

### **PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:48 a.m., Representative Buckley moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

(Lowe in the chair)

### **BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES**

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 11:15 a.m., adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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**ADDENDUM**

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**REFERRED TO COMMITTEES**

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

**List No. 1**

**HB 134** (By Meyer), Relating to the location at which certain sales are consummated for purposes of local sales and use taxes.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 135** (By Button), Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for game animals and exotic animals.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 136** (By Hull), Relating to Medicaid coverage and reimbursement for lactation consultation.

To Human Services.

**HB 146** (By Geren), Relating to the required approval by the State Preservation Board of certain traffic changes near the state capitol.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1501** (By Tinderholt), Relating to a study of the feasibility of using seawater desalination processes in Texas.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1502** (By Noble), Relating to the creation of the child and adult protective investigations advisory committee in the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Human Services.

**HB 1503** (By Noble), Relating to the licensing and regulation of genetic counselors; requiring an occupational license; authorizing a fee.

To Public Health.

**HB 1504** (By Reynolds), Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by qualifying patients with certain debilitating medical conditions and the licensing of dispensing organizations and cannabis testing facilities; authorizing fees.

To Public Health.

**HB 1506** (By Ashby), Relating to the issuance of a license to carry a handgun to certain retired county court judges.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1507** (By Ashby), Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for firefighters enrolled in certain courses at public institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

**HB 1508** (By Metcalf), Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1509** (By Hickland), Relating to the offense of failure to stop or report aggravated sexual assault of a child; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1511** (By Hickland), Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to adopt or enforce a juvenile curfew; creating criminal offenses.

To s/c Juvenile Justice (Criminal Jurisprudence).

**HB 1512** (By Hickland), Relating to reporting the number of children known or reasonably believed to not be citizens of the United States enrolled in a public school and to requesting reimbursement from the United States government for the cost of educating those children.

To Public Education.

**HB 1513** (By Walle), Relating to the location and operation of certain concrete batch plants.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1514** (By Schofield), Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to issue debt to purchase or lease tangible personal property.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1516** (By Schofield), Relating to prohibiting the imposition of a monetary fine or penalty for a violation of a money services business's terms of service agreement; providing a civil penalty.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1517** (By Hernandez), Relating to enforcement of municipal ordinances by certain constables.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

**HB 1518** (By C. Bell), Relating to the issuance by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs of verified residential rental applications.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

**HB 1519** (By Schofield), Relating to the election date for the authorization of the issuance of bonds or a tax increase.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1521** (By Gerdes), Relating to the implementation of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives by certain governmental entities.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1522** (By Gerdes), Relating to notice of a meeting held under the open meetings law.

To Delivery of Government Efficiency.

**HB 1523** (By Gerdes), Relating to a prohibition on the authorization by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of the use of a Class V injection well for certain aquifer storage and recovery projects.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1524** (By C. Bell), Relating to certain definitions applicable to the Texas Fair Housing Act.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

**HB 1526** (By M. González), Relating to a study by Texas State University on the expected effects of future climate change in this state and the preparedness of this state to address those effects.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1527** (By Alders), Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain peace officers.

To Higher Education.

**HB 1528** (By Gervin-Hawkins), Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain legal paraprofessionals; requiring an occupational license; imposing fees.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1529** (By Goodwin), Relating to production fees imposed by the Southwestern Travis County Groundwater Conservation District; authorizing an increase in the rate of the fee.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1531** (By Howard), Relating to the definition of facility for purposes of workplace violence prevention requirements.

To Human Services.

**HB 1532** (By Cunningham), Relating to the creation of the Lake Houston Dredging and Maintenance District; providing the authority to issue bonds.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1533** (By Button), Relating to the system for appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes.

To s/c Property Tax Appraisals (Ways and Means).

**HB 1534** (By Campos), Relating to procedures in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To s/c Family and Fiduciary Relationships (Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence).

**HB 1536** (By Craddick), Relating to a rural community-based care pilot program.

To Human Services.

**HB 1537** (By Goodwin), Relating to the Licensed Professional Counselors Compact; authorizing fees.

To Human Services.

**HB 1538** (By Lalani), Relating to the authority of a peace officer to apprehend a person for emergency detention and of certain facilities and physicians to temporarily detain a person with mental illness.

To Public Health.

**HB 1539** (By Lalani), Relating to seeking a waiver under Medicaid to provide a continuous period of eligibility under the program for certain children.

To s/c Disease Prevention and Women's and Children's Health (Public Health).

**HB 1541** (By Lalani), Relating to the establishment of an advisory committee to study and make recommendations on services provided to individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability.

To Human Services.

**HB 1542** (By Raymond), Relating to funding under the transportation allotment for certain special education students.

To Public Education.

**HB 1543** (By Raymond), Relating to the recovery by the attorney general from the federal government of certain border security expenditures.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1544** (By Raymond), Relating to the recovery by this state from the federal government of certain border security expenditures.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1546** (By Raymond), Relating to the reimbursement of fees associated with the issuance of a special education certificate for certain teachers.

To Public Education.

**HB 1547** (By Raymond), Relating to the exclusion from the market value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes of the value of any improvement, or any feature incorporated in an improvement, made to the property if the primary purpose of the improvement or feature is compliance with the requirements of standards that address accessible design of buildings or other facilities.

To s/c Property Tax Appraisals (Ways and Means).

**HB 1548** (By Raymond), Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation by certain taxing units of a portion of the appraised value of the residence homestead of the parent or guardian of a person who is disabled and who resides with the parent or guardian.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1549** (By Hickland), Relating to restrictions on the sale of obscene devices; providing a civil penalty.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

**HB 1551** (By Hickland), Relating to the notification of parents of students enrolled in public school regarding certain alleged criminal conduct by an employee.

To Public Education.

**HB 1552** (By Paul), Relating to changing the name of the offense of child pornography to child sexual abuse material and to updating references to conform to that terminology.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1553** (By Toth), Relating to reducing school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes through the use of certain surplus state revenue.

To Appropriations.

**HB 1554** (By Capriglione), Relating to a political subdivision's authority to use public money in the provision of legal services for individuals unlawfully present in the United States.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1556** (By Moody), Relating to prohibiting the transfer of certain semiautomatic rifles to certain recipients; creating a criminal offense; increasing a criminal penalty.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1557** (By Moody), Relating to waiver programs for certain veterans provided by toll project entities.

To s/c Defense and Veterans' Affairs (Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs).

**HB 1558** (By Goodwin), Relating to the expression of breast milk in public buildings and providing leave for state employees to donate breast milk.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1559** (By Hernandez), Relating to prohibited nonconsensual medical procedures and treatment on certain minors with intersex traits.

To Public Health.

**HB 1561** (By Hernandez), Relating to the licensing of legal permanent residents as county jailers by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and the hiring of those legal permanent residents by political subdivisions.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1562** (By Hernandez), Relating to massage student permits.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

**HB 1563** (By Hernandez), Relating to the release of a tier two form listing hazardous chemicals that is in the possession of a political subdivision of this state.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1564** (By Hernandez), Relating to the maximum length of a train.

To Transportation.

**HB 1566** (By Patterson), Relating to the purchase of or acquisition of title to real property by certain foreign entities.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.



**HB 1567** (By Hernandez), Relating to the eligibility for unemployment compensation of certain employees who leave the workplace to care for a minor child.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

**HB 1568** (By Hernandez and Reynolds), Relating to the placement and use of video recording equipment in certain child-care facilities.

To Human Services.

**HB 1569** (By Bucy), Relating to the eligibility of certain children of classroom teachers for enrollment in a free prekindergarten program.

To Public Education.

**HB 1571** (By J. Jones), Relating to access to and notification of protective order registry information.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1572** (By Campos), Relating to mail theft and certain criminal offenses committed against an employee or contractor of a common carrier or delivery service delivering mail; increasing criminal penalties.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1573** (By V. Jones), Relating to a school district policy regarding custodian workloads.

To Public Education.

**HB 1574** (By V. Jones), Relating to the medical use of low-THC cannabis by patients with certain medical conditions.

To s/c Disease Prevention and Women's and Children's Health (Public Health).

**HB 1576** (By Oliverson), Relating to a grant program for hurricane and windstorm loss mitigation for single-family residential property.

To Insurance.

**HB 1577** (By Plesa), Relating to eligibility for the exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of certain first responders.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1578** (By Morales Shaw), Relating to exceptions to and the repeal of certain laws prohibiting abortion.

To Public Health.

**HB 1579** (By Guerra), Relating to establishing the Texas State Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy for public high school students.

To Public Education.

**HB 1581** (By Guerra), Relating to public school bilingual education programs, dual language immersion programs, and special language programs.

To Public Education.

**HB 1582** (By Alders), Relating to the punishment for the offense of aggravated sexual assault.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1583** (By Hull), Relating to the peace officer's notification of emergency detention form for persons evidencing mental illness and retention of that form.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1584** (By Hull), Relating to the creation of a list of priority facilities by electric utilities.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1586** (By Hull), Relating to an exemption from required immunizations for school enrollment.

To Public Health.

**HB 1587** (By Hull), Relating to the sales tax exemption period for clothing, footwear, and certain school-related items.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1588** (By Leo Wilson), Relating to training requirements for certain public officials and candidates for public office.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1589** (By Gerdes), Relating to requiring voter approval for the construction of a new toll project by a toll project entity.

To s/c Transportation Funding (Transportation).

**HB 1591** (By Metcalf), Relating to the scheduling of the first day of school for students by school districts.

To Public Education.

**HB 1592** (By Plesa), Relating to an alert system for dangerous plant and wildlife pests and diseases administered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

**HB 1593** (By Campos and LaHood), Relating to an advisory committee to study suicide prevention and peer support programs in fire departments in this state.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

**HB 1594** (By Plesa), Relating to group health benefit plan coverage for early treatment of first episode psychosis.

To Insurance.

**HB 1596** (By Plesa), Relating to cost-of-living increases applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1597** (By Plesa), Relating to county jailer training on interacting with veterans in the criminal justice system.

To s/c County and Regional Government (Intergovernmental Affairs).

**HB 1598** (By Capriglione), Relating to the establishment of a bitcoin reserve within the state treasury and the management of cryptocurrencies by governmental entities.

To Delivery of Government Efficiency.

**HB 1599** (By Rosenthal), Relating to a handgun safety course required for the transfer of a handgun.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1601** (By Rosenthal), Relating to the prohibition, prevention, and remedying of certain discrimination.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1602** (By Rosenthal), Relating to the prosecution and punishment of a criminal offense relating to making false statements or reports of child abuse or neglect.

To Human Services.

**HB 1603** (By Rosenthal), Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to ensure the independent organization certified for the ERCOT power region has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1604** (By Bucy), Relating to public access to criminal proceedings.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1606** (By Metcalf), Relating to notice provided to a retail electric customer of the procedure for requesting vegetation management near a transmission or distribution line.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1607** (By Metcalf), Relating to license plates and license plate windshield insignia issued for and displayed on a vehicle; authorizing a fee; creating a criminal offense.

To Transportation.

**HB 1608** (By J. Garcia), Relating to the adoption of a veterans' land bank program by the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation.

To s/c Defense and Veterans' Affairs (Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs).

**HB 1609** (By VanDeaver), Relating to the prohibition of certain employment discrimination regarding an employee who is a volunteer emergency responder.

To s/c Workforce (Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development).

**HB 1611** (By Lujan and Cook), Relating to eligibility for custodial officer service in the Employees Retirement System of Texas by certain juvenile correctional officers and caseworkers employed by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

To Pensions, Investments, and Financial Services.

**HB 1612** (By Frank), Relating to direct payment for certain health care provided by a hospital.

To Public Health.

**HB 1613** (By Johnson), Relating to the making and acceptance of political contributions during a special legislative session.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1614** (By Johnson), Relating to veterinary services performed on certain animals in the care of a releasing agency.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

**HB 1616** (By Johnson), Relating to the inclusion of the mailing address of certain campaign treasurers in appointments and reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1617** (By Swanson), Relating to exempting the intrastate manufacture of a firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition from federal regulation.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1618** (By Harris Davila), Relating to aquifer storage and recovery projects that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1619** (By Johnson), Relating to crossing arms on buses that transport schoolchildren.

To Transportation.

**HB 1621** (By Lujan), Relating to a matching grant program for technological enhancements at hospitals providing mental health care services.

To Public Health.

**HB 1622** (By Barry), Relating to making permanent the limitation on increases in the appraised value of certain real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

To s/c Property Tax Appraisals (Ways and Means).

**HB 1623** (By Louderback), Relating to the eligibility of certain foreign individuals or entities for a limitation on the taxable value of property for school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes under the Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1624** (By Vasut and Barry), Relating to the authority of a local authority to install a temporary traffic-control device on certain highways.

To Transportation.

**HB 1625** (By Vasut), Relating to the penalties for the offense of passing certain vehicles, creating a criminal offense, increasing a criminal penalty.

To Transportation.

**HB 1626** (By Raymond), Relating to the period for which an emergency educator certificate is valid.

To Public Education.

**HB 1627** (By Raymond), Relating to a bonus payment for classroom teachers employed by a public school; making an appropriation.

To Appropriations.

**HB 1628** (By Noble), Relating to the transfer of certain public school students who are children of peace officers.

To Public Education.

**HB 1629** (By Landgraf), Relating to fireworks sales to the public by retail fireworks permit holders in certain counties.

To s/c County and Regional Government (Intergovernmental Affairs).

**HB 1630** (By J. Lopez), Relating to the eligibility of social workers for the Homes for Texas Heroes home loan program.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

**HB 1631** (By Gámez), Relating to the duration of a child's detention following a detention hearing and a study on the effects of detention orders in a juvenile court proceeding.

To s/c Juvenile Justice (Criminal Jurisprudence).

**HB 1632** (By M. González), Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for animal food intended for consumption by domesticated animals.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1633** (By Gerdes), Relating to the criteria considered by groundwater conservation districts before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1634** (By Lujan), Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain students who were under the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

To Higher Education.

**HB 1635** (By Oliverson), Relating to the definition of emergency care for purposes of certain health benefit plans.

To Insurance.

**HB 1636** (By Oliverson and Curry), Relating to designating certain substances as Schedule IV controlled substances under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

To Public Health.

**HB 1637** (By Hull), Relating to the prohibition of glyphosate herbicides and certain food additives at primary and secondary schools.

To Public Education.

**HB 1638** (By E. Morales), Relating to authorizing certain cities to change the date on which their general election for officers is held.

To Elections.

**HB 1639** (By Patterson and Collier), Relating to a study on the increased incidence of cancer in female firefighters in this state.

To Public Health.

**HB 1640** (By VanDeaver), Relating to a customer guide to home solar energy devices.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1641** (By Muñoz), Relating to the use of extrapolation by a health maintenance organization or an insurer to audit claims.

To Insurance.

**HB 1642** (By Cain), Relating to expedited credentialing of certain chiropractors by managed care plan issuers.

To Insurance.

**HB 1643** (By Oliverson), Relating to the authority of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District over the North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1644** (By Oliverson and Garcia Hernandez), Relating to the use, possession, delivery, or manufacture of testing equipment that identifies the presence of fentanyl, alpha-methylfentanyl, any other derivative of fentanyl, or xylazine.

To Public Health.

**HB 1645** (By Leo Wilson), Relating to a private civil cause of action against local entities and campus police departments that violate certain laws related to immigration enforcement.

To State Affairs.

**HB 1646** (By Lujan), Relating to the amount of an expenditure that may be paid by an emergency services district employee without board approval.

To s/c County and Regional Government (Intergovernmental Affairs).

**HB 1647** (By Landgraf and R. Lopez), Relating to the establishment of a theft of petroleum products task force.

To Energy Resources.

**HB 1648** (By Button), Relating to the establishment of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that a county may impose on the residence homesteads of individuals who are disabled or elderly and their surviving spouses.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1649** (By Cain), Relating to availability of certain insurance from a self-insurance trust for health care liability claims.

To Insurance.

**HB 1650** (By Canales), Relating to a special bill of review to reform a final judgment of forfeiture of a bail bond.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1651** (By Schatzline), Relating to a restriction on the sale or distribution of an abortion-inducing drug through an Internet website.

To Public Health.

**HB 1652** (By Schatzline), Relating to parental rights regarding cancer treatment for children.

To s/c Disease Prevention and Women's and Children's Health (Public Health).

**HB 1653** (By Schatzline), Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of possession or promotion of child pornography.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1654** (By Canales), Relating to the employment of certain peace officers, detention officers, county jailers, or firefighters who are injured in the course and scope of duty.

To s/c Workforce (Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development).

**HB 1655** (By Schatzline), Relating to a policy prohibiting public school employees from assisting a student with social transitioning and to the loss of state funding for a violation by a public school.

To Public Education.

**HB 1656** (By Howard), Relating to emergency detention by a paramedic of certain persons with mental illness for preliminary examination at a mental health facility.

To Public Health.

**HB 1657** (By Cunningham), Relating to the establishment of an education savings account program for certain children.

To Public Education.

**HB 1658** (By Cunningham), Relating to access to public school library materials by non-enrolled students.

To Public Education.

**HB 1659** (By Vasut), Relating to the payment of employment compensation to state employees.

To Delivery of Government Efficiency.

**HB 1660** (By Bucy), Relating to the licensing of certain education professionals as licensed specialists in school psychology.

To Public Education.

**HB 1661** (By Vasut), Relating to election supplies and the conduct of elections; creating criminal offenses; increasing criminal penalties.

To Elections.

**HB 1662** (By Cunningham), Relating to a grant program for public schools and regional education service centers to provide services related to educating students with autism.

To Public Education.

**HB 1663** (By Ashby), Relating to a credit or refund for diesel fuel taxes paid on diesel fuel used in this state by auxiliary power units or power take-off equipment.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1664** (By E. Morales), Relating to the eligibility of certain retired or former district court judges for assignment as a visiting judge.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

**HB 1665** (By Canales), Relating to the payment of gratuities to certain employees.

To s/c Workforce (Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development).

**HB 1666** (By Canales), Relating to the expunction of arrest records and files relating to certain nonviolent misdemeanor offenses.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1667** (By Canales), Relating to the eligibility of certain first responders for workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder under the workers' compensation system.

To s/c Workforce (Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development).

**HB 1668** (By Gerdes), Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of enticing a child and to the applicability of sex offender registration requirements to that offense.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1669** (By Hull), Relating to the sale of raw milk and raw milk products in this state; requiring a permit.

To Public Health.

**HB 1670** (By Leach), Relating to a person submitting proof of citizenship to verify eligibility to vote in Texas.

To Elections.

**HB 1671** (By Leach), Relating to the establishment of parentage and the duty to pay retroactive child support, including the duty to pay retroactive child support beginning on the date of the child's conception.

To s/c Family and Fiduciary Relationships (Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence).

**HB 1672** (By Ashby), Relating to application of the Administrative Procedure Act to certain actions by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles related to the compliance review and safety audit program for commercial motor vehicles.

To Delivery of Government Efficiency.

**HB 1673** (By Schatzline), Relating to the publication of annual financial statements by a municipality.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.



**HB 1674** (By Kerwin, Hopper, and Morales Shaw), Relating to the production, sale, and use of certain agricultural products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS); creating a criminal offense.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1675** (By Campos), Relating to the interment of certain cremated animal remains with human remains in perpetual care cemeteries.

To Public Health.

**HB 1676** (By Hernandez), Relating to the period during which an employee may file a claim for unpaid wages with the Texas Workforce Commission.

To s/c Workforce (Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development).

**HB 1677** (By Canales), Relating to the investigation of municipal fire fighters in certain municipalities.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

**HB 1678** (By Canales), Relating to the collection and disclosure of certain public information.

To Delivery of Government Efficiency.

**HB 1679** (By V. Jones), Relating to a study by the Texas Education Agency regarding recommended standards for school district facility maintenance and custodial services.

To Public Education.

**HB 1680** (By V. Jones), Relating to prior authorization for prescription drug benefits related to the prevention of human immunodeficiency virus infections.

To Insurance.

**HB 1681** (By Button), Relating to the applicability of sales and use taxes to certain services provided by a marketplace provider.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1682** (By Morales Shaw), Relating to the disposition and use of the state's portion of civil penalties recovered in suits brought by local governments for violations of certain laws under the jurisdiction of, or rules adopted or orders or permits issued by, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

To Environmental Regulation.

**HB 1683** (By Canales), Relating to systems of county road administration in certain counties.

To Transportation.

**HB 1684** (By Hernandez), Relating to safety standards for private passenger van services that transport students to and from public primary and secondary schools.

To Public Education.

**HB 1685** (By Oliverson), Relating to the licensing and regulation of physician graduates and the authority of an insured to select a physician graduate under the insured's health insurance policy; requiring an occupational license; authorizing fees.

To Public Health.

**HB 1686** (By Hull), Relating to victims of sex offenses, sex-based human trafficking offenses, or acts of a sexual nature and to the confidentiality of or restrictions on the availability of certain property, material, or information regarding those victims, offenses, or acts.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

**HB 1687** (By Oliverson), Relating to out-of-pocket expense credits for payments made directly to a physician or health care provider by an enrollee of a governmental employee health benefit plan.

To Insurance.

**HB 1688** (By Louderback), Relating to a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the appraised value of the residence homesteads of certain peace officers.

To Ways and Means.

**HB 1689** (By Gerdes), Relating to the use of certain groundwater export fees collected by a groundwater conservation district.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1690** (By Gerdes), Relating to an application for a permit for the transfer of groundwater out of a groundwater conservation district.

To Natural Resources.

**HB 1691** (By Bumgarner), Relating to claims for benefits or compensation for certain cancer brought by firefighters or emergency medical technicians.

To s/c Workforce (Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development).

**HB 1692** (By Goodwin), Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of unlawful transfer of a firearm.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1693** (By Canales), Relating to the financial audit of certain open-enrollment charter schools by the state auditor.

To Public Education.

**HB 1694** (By Canales), Relating to the eligibility of school bus drivers and cafeteria workers for unemployment compensation benefits.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

**HB 1695** (By Canales), Relating to the relocation, adjustment, and ownership of commercial signs.

To Transportation.

**HB 1696** (By Canales), Relating to adding a designation on a person's driver's license or commercial driver's license indicating that the person is licensed to carry a handgun.

To Homeland Security, Public Safety, and Veterans' Affairs.

**HB 1697** (By Canales), Relating to the management, operation, and contract authority of open-enrollment charter schools.

To Public Education.

**HB 1698** (By Schoolcraft), Relating to the amendment of restrictive covenants applicable to certain subdivisions.

To Trade, Workforce, and Economic Development.

**HB 1699** (By Fairly), Relating to the disclosure of certain medical information by electronic means.

To Public Health.

**HB 1700** (By Fairly), Relating to certain records of a health professional providing a telemedicine medical service, teledentistry dental service, or telehealth service.

To Public Health.

**HJR 101** (By Metcalf), Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of certain commercial real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

To s/c Property Tax Appraisals (Ways and Means).

**HJR 102** (By Gervin-Hawkins), Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of residential real property that arises from the installation in the property of certain energy efficiency-related improvements.

To Ways and Means.

**HJR 103** (By Leo Wilson), Proposing a constitutional amendment specifying the authority of the attorney general to prosecute a criminal offense prescribed by the election laws of this state.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 104** (By Barry), Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to make permanent the limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes.

To s/c Property Tax Appraisals (Ways and Means).

**HJR 105** (By Button), Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that a county may impose on the residence homesteads of persons who are disabled or elderly and their surviving spouses.

To Ways and Means.

**HJR 106** (By Louderback), Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the appraised value of the residence homesteads of certain peace officers.

To Ways and Means.

**HJR 107** (By Landgraf), Proposing a constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in the exploration for and production and export of oil, gas, and other minerals.

To Energy Resources.

**HJR 108** (By Goodwin), Proposing a constitutional amendment creating the workforce housing fund to facilitate the development of affordable workforce housing.

To Intergovernmental Affairs.

**HJR 109** (By Leo Wilson), Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding certain organizational and procedural matters related to the legislature.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 110** (By Tepper), Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the filing of required political funding reports and personal financial statements to be eligible to hold certain public elective offices.

To State Affairs.

**HJR 111** (By Shaheen), Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that certain political subdivisions may impose on the residence homesteads of persons who are disabled or elderly and their surviving spouses.

To Ways and Means.

**HJR 112** (By Frank), Proposing a constitutional amendment protecting the right of parents to raise their children.

To Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence.

### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

#### Message No. 1

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE SENATE CHAMBER

Austin, Texas

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

The Honorable Speaker of the House  
House Chamber  
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the senate to inform the house that the senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

**SB 262** Perry

Relating to eligibility requirements to practice public accountancy.

**SB 370** Perry

Relating to the availability of certain personal information of a child, spouse, or surviving spouse of a current or former employee of the office of the attorney general or of a public defender's office.

**SB 767** Sparks

Relating to creating a database of the firefighting equipment in the state available for use in responding to wildfires.

Respectfully,

Patsy Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

