

★ TEXAS IMPACT

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Support

Safe Drinking Water

SB 546 by Kolkhorst

Requires the Department of Aging and Disability Services to work with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to ensure the safety of drinking water at state supported living centers

Senate Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs Committee hearing Monday, March 20

Perry, Rodriguez, Creighton, Hall, Hinojosa, Kolkhorst, Miles

HB 1083 by Perez

Reduced water utility rates funded by donations for the benefit of elderly customers.

House Natural Resources Committee hearing Wednesday, March 22

Larson, Phelan, Ashby, Burns, Frank, Kacal, King, Lucio, Nevarrez, Price, Workman

Climate Resilience

HB773 by Johnson

State agency planning for weather, water availability, and climate variability.

House State Affairs hearing Wednesday, March 22

Cook, Giddings, Craddick, Farrar, Geren, Guillen, King, Kuempel, Meyer, Oliveira, Paddie, Rodriguez, Smithee

Human Trafficking

SB 128 by Garcia

Relating to a required training course on human trafficking for commercial driver's license applicants.

Senate Transportation Committee hearing Wednesday, March 22

Nichols, Hall, Creighton, Garcia, Hancock, Hinojosa, Kolkhorst, Perry, Rodriguez

HB 29 by Thompson

Strengthening enforcement of human trafficking laws.

House State Affairs hearing Wednesday, March 22

Cook, Giddings, Craddick, Farrar, Geren, Guillen, King, Kuempel, Meyer, Oliveira, Paddie, Rodriguez, Smithee

HB 1808 by Meyer

Strengthening child protection in human trafficking laws.

House State Affairs hearing Wednesday, March 22

Cook, Giddings, Craddick, Farrar, Geren, Guillen, King, Kuempel, Meyer, Oliveira, Paddie, Rodriguez, Smithee

State Budget

HB 2 by Zerwas

Authorizes use of the "Rainy Day Fund" to meet critical budget needs

Pending in House Appropriations Committee

Oppose

School Vouchers

SB 3 by Taylor: *Diverting public funds to support private school tuition.*

Senate Finance hearing Tuesday, March 21

Weekly Witness Call Scripts

Attached is a list of toll free numbers for House and Senate members. Using the toll free numbers allow Texas Impact staff to track how many calls are going in to each office.

It's especially helpful if your own senator or representative is a member of the committee; however, even if you don't live in the district of any committee members, you still should call all the members of the committee and let them know how you feel about the bill.

Sample Script

Hello, my name is _____ and I live in _____. I am calling to thank Representative/Senator _____ for his/her service and to let you know that I and members of my congregation are praying for the Representative/Senator and his/her staff.

I'm calling about HB/SB _____ by _____. That bill is in _____ (name of the committee the bill is in). I support/oppose the bill and here's why:

I want to urge the Representative/Senator to support/oppose HB/SB _____. Can you tell me how the Representative/Senator plans to vote on the bill, and if there is any information she/he needs to help make a decision about how to vote?

Don't forget to thank the staff member you are talking to at the end of the call, even if you disagree with their boss on the issue or bill—they are working hard and appreciate being appreciated!

In the past members have occasionally blocked our toll free number because of high call volume from people of faith. We want them to hear your voice, so if you call twice and received busy signals, email engagement@texasimpact.org and we will update the number.

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Sen Bob Hall	(877) 404-3553
Sen Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa	(877) 398-4710
Sen Lois Kolkhorst	(877) 419-2794
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Rep Jessica Farrar	(877) 786-3597
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