

TEXAS IMPACT

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Support Good Bills in Committee This Week!

HB 3338 by White

Making sure foster kids get drivers license or state ID
House Human Services hearing Monday, April 17

HB 3788 by Koop

Requires DFPS to collect data and report on safety at day-care centers
House Human Services hearing Monday, April 17

HB 64 by Dutton

Abolish the death penalty
House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee hearing Monday, April 17

HB 1537 by Farrar

Abolish the death penalty
House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee hearing Monday, April 17

HB 316 by Canales

End the death penalty in "law of the parties" cases
House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee hearing Monday, April 17

HB 4 by Burkett

Payments to kinship care families
Senate Human Services Committee hearing Wednesday, April 19

HB 826 by Blanco

Comptroller report on the economic impact of undocumented immigrants on the state budget
House State Affairs Committee hearing Wednesday, April 19

Keep These Bills Moving! Vote out of Committee ASAP!

HB 1535 by Farrar (protecting honeybees)

03-29-17 H Committee action pending House Agriculture and Livestock

HB 1927 by Rodriguez (toxic alert system)

03-28-17 H Committee action pending House Environmental Regulation

HB 239 by Collier (safe school drinking water)

04-04-17 H Committee action pending House Public Education

HB 773 by Johnson (climate change preparedness)

03-22-17 H Committee action pending House State Affairs

Tell House Calendars to Support

HB 199 by Bernal (county wide voting)
4-3-17 H Committee report arrived in Calendars

HB 249 by Hernandez (abuse & neglect definitions)
4-5-17 H Committee report arrived in Calendars

Tell Your House Member to Support

HB 21 by Huberty (school finance)
4-19-17 Placed on General State

HB 29 by Thompson (human trafficking omnibus)
4-18-17 Placed on General State

HB 367 by Bernal (school food to nonprofits)
4-20-17 Placed on General State

HB 2335 by Miller (trauma training for CPS workers)
4-18-17 Placed on General State

Tell Your State Senator to Support

SB 292 by Huffman (grants for mental health to reduce recidivism, arrest, and incarceration)
4-12-17 Placed on intent calendar

SB 275 by Watson (job training and placement)
4-4-17 Committee report printed and distributed

Tell House Calendars to OPPOSE

SB 4 by Perry (sanctuary cities)
4-12-17 Reported favorably as substituted

HB 492 by Craddick (unlicensed youth camps)
4-11-17 Reported favorably as substituted

HB 3859 by Frank (special rights for religious foster care providers)
4-12-17 Reported favorably as substituted

Weekly Witness Call Scripts

Attached is a list of toll free numbers for Committee members referenced on the first page. The full list of House and Senate members is at www.texasimpact.org/action. 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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