

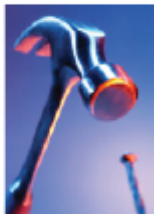


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### HB 1876 - Allowing Fire Sprinkler Mandates - Hearing on Wednesday, March 30

House Bill 1876 which allows cities to have local elections to impose residential fire sprinkler mandates will have a hearing on Wednesday, March 30. This bill will effectively undo the actions of the 2009 Legislature when it prevented costly fire sprinkler mandates in one and two-family homes through an overwhelming bipartisan vote.

**HB 1876 is scheduled to be heard in House Urban Affairs on Wednesday, March 30 at 10:30 a.m. or upon adjournment in E2.016.**

### 82nd Legislative Session Update

#### Fire Sprinklers – HB 1876 Hearing

House Bill 1876 by Representative Vicki Truitt (R-Keller), which will allow a municipality to hold an election giving it the authority to mandate expensive fire sprinklers in new one and two-family dwellings was set to have a hearing on Wednesday in the House Urban Affairs Committee. If passed, this bill would effectively undo the actions of the 2009 Legislature prohibiting cities from mandating fire sprinklers in new and existing one and two-family dwellings. Wednesday was a busy day at the Capitol as it was the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association legislative day, as well as the day for House floor debate of the voter-ID bill, SB 14. Knowing the Firemen and Fire Marshals would have an undoubtedly large presence, TAB lined up a number of witnesses, educated members of the Urban Affairs Committee of the negative impact this bill could have on homeownership and launched a grassroots campaign targeting the constituents of the committee members to send opposition letters. The hearing ended up getting postponed due to the 12 hour debate on the voter-ID bill. ***HB 1876 has been re-posted to be heard in Urban Affairs on Wednesday, March 30 upon adjournment of the House.*** Thank you to those that sent letters to your representative and members of the committee and please stay tuned for future grassroots efforts on this very important issue.

#### Tree Ordinances in the ETJ – SB 732 Hearing

Senate Bill 732 by Senator Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville) had a hearing in the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee on Wednesday. SB 732 prohibits cities from regulating the planting, clearing, harvesting or other uses of trees and other vegetation outside of its corporate limits on tracts of land in the city's ETJ. There was a large showing for this bill with many officials from the City of San Antonio defending the enforcement of its tree ordinance in the ETJ. City officials stated that such an ordinance is necessary to protect health and safety. Scott Norman testified in support of the bill and explained that people in the ETJ do not receive services from the city and therefore should not have city ordinances placed on them. Members of the committee were receptive to the fact that this is a private property rights issue and this bill would protect that right for citizens in the ETJ. After much testimony for and against this bill, it was left pending.

### **Property Owners' Association – SB 142, Omnibus POA Bill Hearing**

Legislation addressing Property Owners' Associations (POA) has been a hot topic this session as many recognize the need for meaningful reform. TAB has been very involved in this process. As in sessions past, Senator Royce West (D-Dallas) has been heading this effort in the Senate. West's Senate Bill 142 addresses issues such as board meetings, association records, foreclosure and priority of payments to increase transparency to homeowners and create a standard of "best practices" for the industry. After many hours of negotiating on this bill, the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee had a hearing for SB 142 on Wednesday morning. TAB's POA Task Force Chair, Susan Wright, testified on the bill and expressed her gratitude to Senator West and his staff for continuing to work with the industry. This bill was voted out of the committee and will soon be set for debate on the Senate floor. We are pleased on the progress that has been made on this bill and will continue to work on it as it goes through the legislative process.

**GOVERNOR** – Governor Rick Perry **extended the disaster proclamation for threat of extreme wildfires** indefinitely. He directed that all necessary measures, both public and private be implemented to meet the potential disaster and he suspended any rules and regulations that might inhibit or prevent prompt response to the potential fire threat.

On Tuesday, Governor Perry was joined by Senator Leticia Van de Putte (D-San Antonio), Representative Senfronia Thompson (D-Houston) and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to discuss legislation that would **strengthen penalties for those convicted of human trafficking**. **SB 24** and **HB 7** contain proposals from the Attorney General's Task Force on Human Trafficking, which include creating a new offense for compelling prostitution for adult and child victims, stronger parole requirements for trafficking offenses that require offenders to serve longer prison time, eliminating release on mandatory supervision, and stronger restrictions on bond release.

**SENATE** – On Monday, the Senate passed several bills including: **SB 647** by Glenn Hegar (R-Katy) which would continue the operation of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel through 2023; **SB 811** by Kirk Watson (D-Austin) which would permit doctors at university hospitals to access the expedited certification process available to other doctors working in managed healthcare plans; and **SB 116** by Uresti, the **Kristy Appleby Act**, which would allow a person to file a restraining order against the former partner of their current significant other. The Senate gave unanimous approval to **SB 24** Senator Leticia Van de Putte's SB 24, the **human trafficking** legislation.

At a Thursday press conference, a group of Senators called on the federal government to increase **security along the border with Mexico**. Senator Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands), Chair of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee, and seven other senators announced the filing of **SCR 36** that would send a delegation to Washington to secure more funding and more personnel to keep violence from spilling across the Rio Grande. The resolution also requests an analysis to show how much fully funding border security in Texas would cost.

**Total number of bills reported out of Senate Committees this week: 71**

**Total number of bills passed by the Senate this week: 84**

**Total number of bills passed on the Local and Uncontested calendar: 45**

**HOUSE** – The House had scheduled debate on **SB 14, the Voter ID bill** for Monday, but a point-of-order sent the bill back to the House Select Committee on Voter Identification and Voter Fraud. It was kicked out on Monday and was back on the House calendar on Wednesday. The House spent 12 hours debating **SB 14, the Voter ID bill**, which would require a voter to present one form of photo identification to an election officer at the polling place in order to vote. They considered 62 amendments, 12 of which were adopted (only the ones acceptable to the author). It received final approval on Thursday by a vote of 101 to 48 essentially along party lines. Representative Joe Pickett of El Paso was the only Democrat to vote with the Republican majority in support of the bill.

**Total number of bills reported out of House Committees this week: 93**  
**Total number of bills passed by the House this week: 3**

*Next Week:* The House will have its first **Local and Consent calendar** on Wednesday of next week. On Thursday, they will take up **HB 4, the supplemental appropriations bill** and **HB 275, the bill authorizing use of the Rainy Day Fund** to address the shortfall in the current biennium. On Friday, they will take up **HB 1, the general appropriations bill**.

**BUDGET** – On Monday, **Senate Finance Committee** Chairman Steve Ogden (R-Bryan) announced two new subcommittees:

**Subcommittee on Fiscal Matters** – Robert Duncan, Chair and members Bob Deuell, Kevin Eltife, Dan Patrick, Royce West, Tommy Williams, and Judith Zaffirini.

**Subcommittee on Public Safety** – John Whitmire, Chair and members Craig Estes, Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, Eddie Lucio, Jane Nelson, Kel Seliger, and Florence Shapiro.

The Senate Finance Committee approved recommendations from the **Subcommittee on Public School Finance**, chaired by Senator Florence Shapiro (R-Plano). They increased funding to public education by \$5.7 billion over the original proposed budget, and included money for textbooks and instructional materials. Senator Shapiro said the recommendations will keep money in the classroom and will further the goals of school accountability and college readiness. But, she warned that the recommendations the committee adopted will not be the final budget for public education in Texas.

The **House Appropriations Committee** voted out their version of **HB 1, the general appropriations bill**. Democrats on the House Appropriations Committee unanimously voted against it.

On Thursday, the **House State Affairs Committee** took up:

**HJR 33** by Richard Raymond (D-Laredo) would propose a constitutional amendment to require the legislature to adopt a budget every year and establish **annual sessions** with the session in the even numbered year being a **budget session**.

*It was left pending.*

On Wednesday, **the House** will take up:

**HB 4** by Jim Pitts (R-Waxahachie) is the House version of the **supplemental appropriations bill** for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2011; and **HB 275** by Jim Pitts (R-Waxahachie) would authorize the **use of \$3.118 billion**

**from the state's Economic Stabilization Fund (Rainy Day Fund) to cover the shortfall in the current 2010-2011 budget.**

On Friday, **the House** will take up:

**HB 1** by Jim Pitts (R-Waxahachie) is the general **appropriations bill**.

On all the budget bills the House will consider next week, there is a Calendar Committee rule that proposed amendments that add money to one part of the budget must include a corresponding decrease of the same amount or more from another line item. Amendments for HB 4 and HB 275 must be pre-filed with the Chief Clerk by 10:00a.m. on Monday and amendments for HB 1 must be pre-filed by 10:00a.m. on Tuesday.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – On Tuesday, the **House Agriculture and Livestock Committee** took up:

**HB 2334** by Rick Hardcastle (R-Vernon) would authorize the Texas Department of Agriculture to sell **advertising and Go Texan program merchandise** to promote agriculture, horticulture, and other industries that grow, process, or produce products in Texas. *It was left pending.*

**SB 1069** by Mike Jackson (R-La Porte) would require annual (rather than every three years) reporting to the legislature of awards made from the **Texas Emerging Technology Fund**. *It was voted out favorably a substituted.*

**SB 1175** by Mike Jackson (R-La Porte) would provide that grants under the **Texas Enterprise Fund** and the **Texas Emerging Technology Fund** would be deemed approved if the lieutenant governor or speaker of the House do not disapprove the proposal before the 91<sup>st</sup> day after receipt of the proposal. *It was left pending.*

**Passed the Senate:**

**SB 520** by Glenn Hegar (R-Katy) would authorize counties to create more than one **county assistance district**; and would specify that the maximum combined sales tax rate could not exceed the current cap. *The committee amendment was adopted.*

**ENERGY** – On Monday and Tuesday, the **Senate Government Organization Committee** considered:

**SB 655** by Glenn Hegar (R-Katy) is the **sunset bill for the Railroad Commission**, and it would abolish the Railroad Commission and transfer its duties to a new Texas Oil and Gas Commission. *It was initially left pending, but on Wednesday, it was voted out favorably as substituted.*

On Tuesday, the **Senate Business and Commerce Committee** took up:

**SB 504** by Wendy Davis (D-Fort Worth) would require electric utilities to give **discounted utility rates for school districts** and open-enrollment charter schools. *It was left pending.*

**SB 981** by John Carona (R-Dallas) would set standards for the Public Utility Commission to determine whether a **retail electric customer** should be considered a power generation company if the customer is using distributed generation to produce electrical energy. *It was reported out favorably as substituted and recommended for the Local and Uncontested calendar.*

**SB 1125** by John Carona (R-Dallas) would set the state's **energy efficiency goal** for electric utilities to annually provide incentives sufficient for retail electric providers to acquire additional energy efficiency for its customer's equivalent to at least one-half of 1% of the electric utility's peak demand by January 1, 2013. *It was left pending.*

**SB 1133** by Glenn Hegar (R-Katy) would require reporting of **weather emergency preparedness plans** by power plants and would require the Public Utility Commission and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to analyze the plans and prepare a weather emergency preparedness report on power generation and wholesale electric generator' preparedness to provide continuous electric utility service in the event of a weather-related forced interruption. *It was reported out favorably and recommended for the Local and Uncontested calendar.*

Also on Tuesday, the **Senate Natural Resources Committee** took up several groundwater conservation district bills and:

**SB 385** by Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands) would reserve from the **Texas Emissions Reduction Plan** fund dedicated for the Diesel emissions reduction incentive program, 5 percent to be used for the clean fleet program; and two percent to be used for the alternative fueling facilities program. *It was voted out favorably and recommended for the Local and Uncontested calendar. It is on the Senate Intent Calendar for Monday.*

**ENVIRONMENT** – On Tuesday, the **House Natural Resources Committee** took up:

**HB 192** by Armando Walle (D-Houston) would prohibit a **water and sewer utility** from increasing its rate more than 20% in a 35-month period. *It was left pending.*

**HB 206** by Armando Walle (D-Houston) would require a **retail public utility** that intends to increase its water rates to provide notice to each ratepayer concerning the reason for the proposed rate increase and bill payment assistance programs available. *It was left pending.*

**HB 491** by Harold Dutton (D-Houston) would allow a utility to impose a reasonable **impact fee** when a customer requests new construction or new installation. *It was left pending.*

Also on Tuesday, the **Senate Natural Resources Committee** took up:

**SB 875** by Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) would allow a person who is subject to an administrative, civil, or criminal action brought under the **Regional Waste Disposal Act** for nuisance or trespass to have an affirmative defense if the actions were authorized by a rule, permit, order, license, certificate, registration, or approval, of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or the federal government. *It was voted out favorably as substituted.*

**SCR 2** by Carlos Uresti (D-San Antonio) would urge Congress to reauthorize the **Water Resources Development Act of 2007**. *It was reported out favorably as substituted and recommended for the Local and Uncontested calendar. It is on Monday's Senate Intent calendar.*

The committee voted out **SB 332** by Chairman Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) which would amend the Water Code to clarify that **landowners have a vested ownership interest in the groundwater below their land.**

**Passed the Senate:**

**SB 181** by Florence Shapiro (R-Plano), Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo), and Kirk Watson (D-Austin) would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in consultation with the Water Conservation Advisory Council, to develop uniform methodology and guidance for calculating and reporting municipal water use and conservation for use in **water conservation plans** and reports. *The committee substitute and one floor amendment were adopted.*

**SB 313** by Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) would allow the Texas Commission on

Environmental Quality to create a groundwater conservation district over all or part of a priority **groundwater management area** and to add land from a priority groundwater management area. *The committee substitute was adopted.*

**SB 430** by Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville) would require notice of **contaminated usable groundwater** to be given to a groundwater conservation district, if the contamination has occurred or is occurring within the jurisdiction of the district.

**SB 360** by Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) would add money transferred to the **Rural Water Assistance Fund** from the **Water Assistance Fund** for construction of infrastructure; desalination projects; the purchase or lease of water well fields; and for water quality enhancement projects. *It passed on the Local and Uncontested calendar.*

**INTERNET** - On Tuesday, **Comptroller Susan Combs** announced that The U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S.PIRG) has given Texas a grade of “A” for **transparency in government spending**. The group describes Texas as “one of the true leaders in the transparency movement” and gives the state the highest possible score in 10 out of 12 scoring categories. Comptroller Combs has pushed for greater online access to government spending data since taking office.

**INSURANCE** – On Monday and Tuesday, the **Senate Government Organization Committee** took up: **SB 644** by Glenn Hegar (R-Katy) is the **Texas Department of Insurance** sunset bill. *It was left pending.*

On Tuesday, the **Senate Business and Commerce Committee** took up: **SB 740** by Rodney Ellis (D-Houston) would authorize the Commissioner of Insurance to require **prior approval of rates** if the commissioner believes an insurer’s rates to be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. *It was left pending.*

**Passed the Senate:**

**SB 647** by Glenn Hegar (R-Katy) is the **Office of Public Insurance Counsel** sunset bill.

**SB 918** by Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio) would provide that a person would not be liable in a civil action for furnishing information relating to a suspected, anticipated, or completed **fraudulent insurance act** if the information is provided to an organization primarily dedicated to the detection, investigation and prosecution of insurance fraud. *It passed on the Local and Uncontested calendar.*

**PROPERTY** – On Monday, the **House Business and Industry Committee** took up:

**HB 8** by Drew Darby (R-San Angelo) would provide that a **private transfer fee obligation** would not be binding or enforceable against a subsequent owner or subsequent purchaser of an interest in real property except fees paid to a seller, real estate commissions, payments to a lender, payments made to a lessor under a lease, real estate transfer fees, governmental fees, payments owed to a property owner’s association, or payments owed for a club membership related to the property. *It was left pending.*

**HB 958** by Paul Workman (R-Austin) would require the amount of damages, both actual and exemplary, to be reduced by 10 percent for each anniversary of the date of substantial completion of the **construction or repair that occurs before the date of the claim**. *It was left pending.*

On Monday, the **House Ways and Means Committee** took up:

**HJR 63** by Joe Pickett (D-El Paso) would propose a constitutional amendment to allow counties (current law allows cities) to issue **bonds to finance the development or redevelopment** of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or **blighted area**. *It was left pending.*

On Tuesday, the **House Land and Resource Management Committee** took up: **HB 91** by Byron Cook (R-Corsicana) would extend the **extraterritorial jurisdiction of municipalities** from two to three miles of municipalities of between 25,000 and 49,000 inhabitants as long as the extraterritorial jurisdiction does not include any area in the existing extraterritorial jurisdiction of another municipality; and would allow municipalities with new overlapping jurisdictions to apportion the overlapping area. *It was left pending.*

**HB 107** by Fred Brown (R-Bryan) would require **home-rule municipalities** located in a county with a population of less than 185,000 and in which two or more municipalities with a population of more than 65,000 are wholly located **to annex** an area with 50 or more inhabitants only if the municipality holds an election in the area to be annexed and a majority of the votes received favor the annexation. *It was voted out favorably.*

**HB 662** by Eddie Rodriguez (D-Austin) would authorize Travis County to adopt **buffer zone regulations** and **comprehensive land development plans**. *It was left pending.*

**REDISTRICTING** - On Wednesday, Representative Burt Solomons (R-Carrollton), Chairman of the House Committee on Redistricting released a proposed committee substitute for HB 600 which sets forth proposed boundaries for new **State Board of Education districts** following the release of the 2010 federal census data. The committee has also posted a meeting for Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to take testimony on Texas Congressional districts.

**TAX** – On Monday, the **House Ways and Means Committee** took up: **HB 270** by Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville) would require the **comptroller to provide information relating to the amount of tax paid to the municipality** by each business who annually remits more than \$5,000 (rather than \$25,000). *It was left pending.*

Also on Monday, the **Senate Finance Committee** took up:

**SB 129/SJR 7** by Dan Patrick (R-Houston) and **SB 175/SJR 11** by Robert Nichols (R-Nacogdoches) would propose constitutional amendments allowing the legislature to set an **appraisal cap** on residence homesteads at 5% per year (rather than 10% per year).

**SB 326** by Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) would expand the definition of **goods-in-transit** to include property that is stored under a contract of bailment by a public warehouse operator at one or more public warehouse facilities that are not owned or controlled by the owner of the personal property; and would delete the requirement that the goods be assembled, manufactured, processed or fabricated in Texas. *It was left pending.*

**SB 449** by Kirk Watson (D-Austin)/**SJR 16** by Craig Estes (R-Wichita Falls) would propose a constitutional amendment to add **water stewardship** purposes to the list of types of land that can be taxed as open-space land. *They were left pending.*

**SB 551** by Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands) eliminate interest on **back taxes owed on an improvement to real property** that escaped taxation in a previous year if taxes were timely paid on the land, the appraisal district had notice of the improvement; and the property owner pays all back taxes due on the improvement

within 120 days. *It was left pending.*

**SB 720** by Tommy Williams (R-The Woodlands) would allow the **rollback rate** to be calculated at 1.08 (instead of 1.05) if any part of the taxing unit is located in a declared disaster area or if the governing body finds that a higher tax rate is necessary to protect the health, safety, or property of persons residing in the taxing unit. *It was left pending.*

**Reported from Committee:**

**HB 499** by Eddie Rodriguez (D-Austin) would add an additional penalty on **delinquent ad valorem taxes** to pay the costs associated with collection of the delinquent tax. *It was reported favorably from the House Ways and Means Committee.*

**HB 645** by Rob Orr (R-Burleson) would allow federal tax ID numbers to be used instead of a driver's license number, personal ID number, or social security number on applications for an ad valorem tax exemption on **property owned by charitable organizations**. *It was reported favorably from the House Ways and Means Committee.*

**HB 658** by Mike Villarreal (D-San Antonio) would repeal Subchapter F of Chapter 111 of the Tax Code which allows refunds of sales taxes and franchise taxes under **economic development agreements**. *It was reported favorably as substituted from the House Ways and Means Committee.*

**Passed the Senate:**

**SB 582** by Chris Harris (R-Arlington) would require service of process for the collection of delinquent property taxes on domestic or foreign **limited liability companies** whose right to transact business has been forfeited to be delivered to the company's manager or a member of the limited liability company. *It passed on the Local and Uncontested calendar.*

**SB 762** by John Carona (R-Dallas) would prohibit the charging of a fee for **transfer of an ad valorem tax lien** on residential property except for interest, and the fees for filing the release of the lien, providing a payoff statement, and providing information regarding the current balance owed by the property owner. *The committee substitute was adopted.*

**TORT** – On Monday, the **House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee** took up: **HB 1427** by Tryon Lewis (R-Odessa) would provide that an attempt to join a **responsible third party** would be subject to any limitations period. *It was left pending.*

**HB 1890** by Allen Fletcher (R-Tomball) would make several changes to the **barratry** statute including allowing a client to bring an action to void a contingent fee contract within four years of the date the client knew that the contract was voidable; and allowing a person affected by barratry to bring an action against the person who engaged in barratry. *It was left pending.*

**HB 2031** by Jerry Madden (R-Plano) would allow the establishment of a **voluntary compensation plan** for claimants arising out of an event that caused the death of two or more people; serious bodily injury of two or more people; or damage to real property owned by five or more people. If such a plan is created, suits against the defendant could be abated for 90 days. Establishing such a plan would not be an admission of liability, and the plan could serve as an offer of settlement for the purpose of determining a significantly less favorable judgment under Sec. 42.002 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code. *It was left pending.*

**HB 2163** by Connie Scott (R-Corpus Christi) would include **barratry** as a deceptive trade practice. *It was left pending.*

**HB 2164** by Connie Scott (R-Corpus Christi) would remove “written communication” from the definition of **barratry** and would define it as an unsolicited contact that is either in person or by telephone. *It was left pending.*

**WORKERS’ COMPENSATION** – On Monday, the **Senate State Affairs Committee** took up: **SB 800** by Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock) would authorize the Commissioner of Workers’ Compensation to designate and contract with a **data collection agent**. *It was left pending.*

Also on Monday, the **Senate Government Organization Committee** took up: **SB 651** by Joan Huffman (R-Houston) would continue the **Office of Injured Employee Counsel** through 2017 and require OIEC to adopt alternative dispute resolutions policies and establish a complaint response system. *It was left pending.*

**Passed the Senate:**

**SB 809** by Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo) would allow a party to file for **judicial review** within 45 days of a Division hearing decision sent in a medical contested case; and would align **medical contested case appeals** to district court with other compensability appeals to district court in that both appeals would be due within 45 days of the Division mailing the decision. *The committee substitute was adopted.*

## **Upcoming Hearings**

**House Business and Industry: Monday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m. in E2.016. TAB is tracking:**

**HB 1168** (Miller, Doug) Relating to smoke alarms and fire extinguishers in residential rental units.

**HB 2328** (McClendon) Relating to the registration, monitoring, and investigation of and handling of funds by property owners' association boards.

**HB 1873** (Giddings) Relating to business entities and associations.

**HB 1882** (Garza) Relating to the meetings and records of certain property owners' associations.

**HB 2761** (Garza) Relating to the operation of property owners' associations.

**HB 3116** (Gonzales, Veronica) Relating to deceptive trade practices in connection with executing and filing deeds in lieu of foreclosure.

**HB 3489** (Menendez) Relating to the disclosure of a hazardous drain in a swimming pool or spa by a seller of residential real property.

**HJR 90** (Hartnett) Amendment providing for an exception from the limitation on the maximum principal amount of home equity loans and home equity lines of credit for the refinancing of certain loans secured by the homestead.

**HB 3347** (Deshotel) Relating to the operation of property owners' associations.

**HB 3348** (Deshotel) Relating to the operation of property owners' associations.

**Senate State Affairs: Monday, March 28 at 9 a.m. in the Senate Chamber. TAB is tracking:**

**SB 1160** (Seliger) Relating to the liability of a landowner for harm to a trespasser.

**House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence: Monday, March 28 at 2 p.m. or adjournment in E2.010. TAB is tracking:**

**HB 1971** (Jackson, Jim) Relating to the liability of a landowner for harm to a trespasser.

**House Land and Resource Management: Monday, March 28 at 2 p.m. or adjournment in E2.012. TAB is tracking:**

**HB 214** (Gallego) Relating to a fee for an application filed with a county commissioners court to revise a subdivision plat.

**HB 2732** (Oliveira) Relating to the application requirements for a local project permit.

**HB 3190** (Oliveira) Relating to authorizing counties and municipalities to regulate land development.

**HB 3534** (Kleinschmidt) Relating to liability of a political subdivision for a violation of certain laws relating to local permits.

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**House Natural Resources, Tuesday, March 29 at 8 a.m. in E2.010. TAB is tracking:**

**HB 814** (Lucio III) Relating to the provision of water and certain equipment by water supply or sewer service corporations for use in fire suppression and the liability of those corporations.

**HB 3391** (Miller, Doug) Relating to rainwater harvesting and other water conservation initiatives.

**Senate Business and Commerce: Tuesday, March 29 at 8 a.m. in E1.016 TAB is tracking:**

**SB 1217** (Estes) Relating to an excavator's duty to notify a notification center before excavating.

**House Urban Affairs: Wednesday, March 30 at 10:30 or adjournment in E2.016. TAB is tracking:**

**HB 1055** (Villarreal) Relating to a fee by certain municipalities for the management and preservation of municipal records.

**HB 1876** (Truitt) Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to require fire protection sprinkler systems in certain residences.

**House Economic and Small Business Development: Thursday, March 31 at 8 a.m. in E2.014 TAB is tracking:**

**HB 1711** (Davis, John) Relating to disaster remediation contracts.

## **82nd Legislature Dates of Interest**

**Monday, May 30, 2011** (140<sup>th</sup> Day)

Last day of 82nd Regular Session. The Legislature adjourns Sine Die.

**Sunday, June 19, 2011** ( 20<sup>th</sup> Day Following Final Adjournment)

Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular legislative session.

**Monday, August 29, 2011** (91<sup>st</sup> Day Following Final Adjournment)

Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not become effective immediately) become law.

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