

87th Legislative Priorities

- **SUPPORT** amendments to the Residential Construction Liability Act (RCLA) to update the existing statutory process for resolving residential construction defects prior to litigation and lower the statute of repose for homebuilders who provide an express written warranty to homeowners. **HB 3595 by Leach.**
- **SUPPORT** amendments that update the existing alternate compliance paths to the state Energy Code. **HB 3215 by Geren and SB 1666 by Hughes.**
- **SUPPORT** legislation to allow the use of 3rd party building inspections during a declared disaster. **HB 2548 by Morrison and SB 877 by Hancock.**
- **SUPPORT** extending the Sunset Date of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners. **HB 636 by Thompson, SB 871 by Nichols and SB 1196 by Whitmire.**
- **SUPPORT** negotiated and agreed-to reforms to the Mechanic's and Materialmen's Lien statutes. **HB 2237 by Burrows.**
- **SUPPORT** changes to the current building permit approval process timeline statute to remove municipalities' ability to force waivers on builders that result in costly delays to homeowners. **HB 2590 by Leach and SB 1947 by Springer.**
- **SUPPORT** efforts to prohibit local government regulation of employment matters of private businesses (sick leave, overtime, predictive scheduling, etc.). **SB 14 by Creighton/Phil King, etc.**
- **SUPPORT** legislation to provide liability protections to businesses operating during the COVID pandemic. **SB 6 by Hancock, HB 3 by Burrows and HB 3659 by Leach.**
- **SUPPORT** efforts to reform the litigation process in lawsuits resulting from trucking accidents. **HB 19 by Leach and SB 17 by Taylor.**
- **SUPPORT** efforts to provide for more broadband access in rural, suburban and urban areas. **HB 5 by Ashby and SB 5 by Nichols, etc.**
- **SUPPORT** additional CTE reforms and funding for programs to enhance the state's residential construction workforce. **HB 33 by Dominguez, HB 434 Bell/HB 1994 by Thierry/SB 473 by Schwertner, HB 449 by Turner/HB 1530 by Murphy/SB 1680 by Miles, HB 1312 by Romero/SB 959 by Zaffirini, HB 1411 and 1528 by Gates, HB 1797/HJR 89 by Allison, HB 1884 by Dominguez/SB 337 by Powell, HB 2352 by Parker, HB 3003 by Parker/SB 1102 by Creighton, HB 3864 by Murr, HB 3938 by Bell/SB 1198 by Powell, HB 4109 by Guerra, HB 4199 by Guillen/SB 1524 by Hughes, HB 4372 by Ashby, SB 302 by Hinojosa, SB 931 by Creighton and related bills.**
- **OPPOSE** efforts to remove the sales tax exemption for construction labor and oppose any new taxes or fees on residential construction/development. Allowing additional taxes and fees on residential construction would only increase the cost of housing in this state and drastically reduce the availability of homes for Texans. **OPPOSE SB 1711 (sales taxes on construction labor), OPPOSE SB 1721 (municipal imposed wildlife fees on development), OPPOSE HB 1347 (linkage fees on residential projects) and OPPOSE HB 3883 (county-imposed development fees).**

HOUSING IMPACT ON TEXAS

STATE ECONOMIC IMPACT:

75% of home builders experienced a labor shortage in 2019, up from 63% in 2017, up from 56% in 2016 and 52% in 2015 — NAHB

\$67.5 billion in economic activity (Labor/Wages/COGS)

608,110 Jobs in Texas — U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

HOMEOWNERSHIP:

61.7% of Texans own their homes, slightly below the national average of 64.2%

46th Texas' rank in homeownership

LOCAL IMPACT OF 100 NEW HOMES:

\$28.7 million in local income*

394 local jobs*

\$3.6 million in taxes & other revenue for local governments*

*numbers estimated from one-year of building 100 single-family homes in Texas metro areas.

OUR MISSION & MEMBERS

The Texas Association of Builders (TAB) represents nearly 10,000 homebuilder, remodeler, developer, and associate members across Texas. TAB is committed to creating a positive business environment for the housing industry by addressing the housing issues of the people of Texas. Founded in 1946, TAB is an affiliate of the National Association of Home Builders with 26 local home builders associations across the state. TAB's state and local associations play a crucial role in providing housing for Texans.

DID YOU KNOW?



Construction of a single-family home creates one permanent and three temporary jobs per year. — NAHB Housing Policy Department



The 2019 median annual wage of homebuilding industry workers in Texas was \$41,739; the U.S. median annual wage average was \$37,910. — U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Texas is the 5th fastest-growing state in the U.S. In 2019, Texas increased its population 1.3% or by 367,215 residents. — U.S. Census Bureau



For every \$1,000 increase in the cost of an average-priced home in Texas, approximately 22,000 households are priced out of the market. — Texas Real Estate Research Center



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