

**GEAA Supports:**

- ✓ [SB 538](#) **Hinojosa** - Relating to state and local planning for and responses to drought.
- ✓ [SB 555](#) **Kolkhorst** - Relating to the entry of real property under a claim of eminent domain authority; providing a criminal penalty.
- ✓ [SB 568](#) **Rodríguez** - Relating to the posting by the Railroad Commission of Texas on its Internet website of certain enforcement information.
- ✓ [SB 626](#) **Schwertner** - Relating to the acquisition of certain real property in conjunction with the acquisition of real property for a public use through eminent domain procedures.
- ✓ [SB 627](#) **Schwertner | Birdwell | Burton | Creighton | Hall | Huffines | Kolkhorst | Nichols | Seliger | Zaffirini** - Relating to notice of a property owner's rights relating to the examination or survey of property by an entity with eminent domain authority.
- ✓ [SB 628](#) **Schwertner | Birdwell | Burton | Campbell | Creighton | Hall | Huffines | Kolkhorst | Nichols | Zaffirini** - Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.
- ✓ [SB 696](#) **Perry** / [HB 4006](#) **Larson** - Relating to a requirement that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality obtain or develop updated water availability models for certain river basins.
- ✓ [SB 740](#) **Kolkhorst** - Relating to the acquisition of property by an entity with eminent domain authority.
- ✓ [SB 741](#) **Kolkhorst** - Relating to compensation to a property owner for property acquired by an entity with eminent domain authority.
- ✓ [SB 742](#) **Kolkhorst** - Relating to requirements for a bona fide offer for the acquisition of property by an entity with eminent domain authority.
- ✓ [SB 746](#) **Kolkhorst** / [HB 2092](#) **Morrison** – Relating to a prohibition of the land application of grit or grease trap waste. Bill prevents grease and grit trap waste from being spread on land.
- ✓ [SB 747](#) **Kolkhorst** – Relating to a prohibition on the issuance by the Railroad Commission of Texas of a permit for a commercial surface disposal facility located near a municipality.

- ✓ [SB 775](#) **Estes** / [HB 797](#) **Minjarez** / [HB 890](#) **Geren** - Relating to providing information to the public and to purchasers of real property regarding the impact of military installations.
- ✓ [SB 781](#) **Zaffirini** - Relating to a limitation on the location of solid waste facilities.
- ✓ [SB 785](#) **Hinojosa** / [HB 544](#) **Anderson, Charles "Doc"** - Relating to the use of the rural water assistance fund.
- ✓ [SB 821](#) **Selinger** - Relating to the qualifications for membership on the Texas Water Development Board
- ✓ [SB 864](#) **Perry** / [HB 3031](#) **King, Tracy O.** - Relating to the procedure for obtaining a right to use state water if the applicant proposes an alternative source of water that is not state water.
- ✓ [SB 1105](#) **Hinojosa** / [HB 3026](#) **Phelan** – Relating to the abolishment of the used oil recycling account, deposits of used oil recycling fees, and use of the water resource management account.
- ✓ [SB 1229](#) **Menéndez** - Relating to solid waste services for rental property and solid waste management programs in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of municipalities in certain counties; authorizing penalties.
- ✓ [SB 1525](#) **Perry** – Relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of water needs and availability in this state.
- ✓ [SB 1796](#) **Menéndez** / [HB 3467](#) **Howard** - Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing discharges of sewage effluent into any water in the contributing or recharge zone of the San Antonio or Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer.
- ✓ [SB 2026](#) **Rodríguez** / [HB 1536](#) **Ferrar** - Relating to a study and report by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on the use of green stormwater infrastructure in this state.
- ✓ [SB 2068](#) **Buckingham** / [HB 3839](#) **Murr** - Relating to the plugging or capping of abandoned, deteriorated, open, or uncovered water wells in the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District.
- ✓ [SB 2193](#) **Buckingham** / [HB 3200](#) **Murr** - Relating to the regulation of certain aggregate production operations by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

- ✓ [SJR 61](#) **Lucio | Hinojosa | Perry / HJR 36 González, Mary** - Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas.
- ✓ [HB 78](#) **Guillen** - This bill relates to credits to certain accounts of the Parks and Wildlife Department resulting from the allocation of the proceeds from taxes imposed on the sale, storage, or use of sporting goods.
- ✓ [HB 98](#) **Martinez, "Mando"** - Relating to the requirements for newspaper notice of a public meeting on a permit issued under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.
- ✓ [HB 247](#) **Anchia** - Relating to the posting by the Railroad Commission of Texas on its Internet website of certain enforcement information.
- ✓ [HB 528](#) **Schofield** - Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.
- ✓ [HB 544](#) **Anderson, Charles "Doc"** - Relating to the use of the rural water assistance fund.
- ✓ [HB 773](#) **Johnson, Eric** - Relating to information on projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.
- ✓ [HB 838](#) **Allen** - Relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process.
- ✓ [HB 1115](#) **Dutton** - Relating to the definition of "affected person" for purposes of a contested case hearing held by or for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding certain environmental permit applications.
- ✓ [HB 1175](#) **Hinojosa, Gina** - Relating to the ability of property owners to protest the adoption of municipal zoning regulations and boundaries.
- ✓ [HB 1334](#) **Isaacs** - Relating to a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of the portion of the appraised value of a person's property that is attributable to the installation on the property of a rainwater harvesting system.
- ✓ [HB 1515](#) **Elkins** - Relating to the expiration of the dry cleaner environmental response program.

- ✓ [HB 1519](#) **M. Gonzalez** - Requirements for a natural gas pipelines
- ✓ [HB 1535](#) **Farrar** – Relating to the prohibition of certain pesticides on public road rights-of-way. This bill relates to the prohibition of certain pesticides on public road rights-of-way. The act shall prohibit the application of a neonicotinoid pesticide.
- ✓ [HB 1562](#) **Minjarez** - Relating to zoning and building construction regulations in certain counties; providing a criminal penalty.
- ✓ [HB 1648](#) **Price** - Relating to the designation of a water conservation coordinator by a retail public water utility to implement a water conservation plan.
- ✓ [HB 1927](#) **Rodriguez, Eddie** - Relating to an alert system for notification of the release of toxic chemicals by a manufacturing facility.
- ✓ [HB 2005](#) **Larson** - Relating to the duty of the Texas Water Development Board to conduct studies of and prepare and submit reports on aquifer storage and recovery.
- ✓ [HB 2092](#) **Morrison, Geanie W.** Relating to a prohibition of the land application of grit or grease trap waste. Bill prevents grease and grit trap waste from being spread on land.
- ✓ [HB 2240](#) **Lucio III** - Relating to a requirement that certain recipients of financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board adopt certain restrictions on water use by their customers. Ken noted this bill requires an applicant of financial assistance for projects from TWDB (ie. retail water utility) has to adopt time of day watering restrictions.
- ✓ [HB 2556](#) **Holland** - Relating to the appraisal required in connection with a bona fide offer to acquire real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.
- ✓ [HB 2684](#) **Burns** - Relating to the acquisition of property by an entity with eminent domain authority; waiving certain sovereign and governmental immunity.
- ✓ [HB 2694](#) **Kacal** - Relating to requirements for a bona fide offer for the acquisition of property by an entity with eminent domain authority.
- ✓ [HB 2799](#) **Farrar** - Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.
- ✓ [HB 2948](#) **Larson** – Relating to the state and regional water planning process.


- ✓ [HB 3036](#) **King, Tracy O.** - Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain areas of the Edwards Aquifer.
- ✓ [HB 3166](#) **Lucio III** - Relating to the consideration of modeled sustainable groundwater pumping in the adoption of desired future conditions in groundwater conservation districts.  
allow for delegation for uncontested matters to Director of TCEQ
- ✓ [HB 3399](#) **Keough** – Relating to a study by the Geo-Technology Research Institute on existing and potential programs to improve energy efficiency.
- ✓ [HB 3417](#) **King, Tracy O.** - Relating to the criteria considered by groundwater conservation districts before granting or denying a permit.
- ✓ [HB 3441](#) **Holland | Burns** - Relating to compensation to a property owner for property acquired by an entity with eminent domain authority.
- ✓ [HB 3687](#) **Ashby** - Relating to the acquisition of property by an entity with eminent domain authority.
- ✓ [HB 3839](#) **Murr** - Relating to the plugging or capping of abandoned, deteriorated, open, or uncovered water wells in the Bandera County River Authority and Groundwater District.
- ✓ [HB 3846](#) **Murr** - Relating to the management of the upper San Saba River.
- ✓ [HB 3889](#) **Rodriguez of Bexar** - Relating to a study on public drinking water infrastructure by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- ✓ [HB 3988](#) **Farrar** - Relating to the authority of a county to implement a pilot program to reuse wastewater at county facilities.
- ✓ [HB 4006](#) **Larson** - Relating to a requirement that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality obtain or develop updated water availability models for all of the river basins in this state.
- ✓ [HB 4221](#) **Elkins** - Relating to requiring owners of sanitary sewer systems to report the current condition of a system's infrastructure to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.


- ✓ [HB 4230](#) **Wu** - Relating to the authority of the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for flood control or mitigation projects.
- ✓ [HB 4322](#) **Nevárez** - Relating to the creation of the Val Verde County Groundwater Conservation District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees, surcharges, and taxes.
- ✓ [HCR 31](#) **Springer | Stucky | Gonzales, Larry** - Urging Congress to encourage the U.S. Department of Agriculture to revise existing policies that promote the waste of water after an irrigated crop has been declared a failure.
- ✓ [HJR 36](#) **González, Mary | Sheffield | Thompson, Senfronia | Walle | Murr** - Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide assistance to economically distressed areas.
- ✓ [HJR 40](#) **Schofield** - Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the right to repurchase real property acquired by a governmental entity through eminent domain.


## GEAA Opposes

- ✗ [SB 225](#) **Taylor, Van** / [HB 3525](#) **Price** - Relating to the referral by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to the State Office of Administrative Hearings of an issue regarding an application for a water right.
- ✗ [SB 636](#) **Huffines** - Relating to procedures for certain municipalities to adopt or amend a national model building code.
- ✗ [SB 744](#) **Kolkhorst** / [HB 2052](#) **Phelan** - Relating to a tree planting credit to offset tree mitigation fees imposed by a municipality.
- ✗ [SB 782](#) **Campbell** / [HB 2535](#) **Zedler** - Relating to the ownership and local regulation of trees and timber.
- ✗ [SB 787](#) **Huffman** / [HB 1704](#) **Kuempel** - Relating to the award of court costs and attorney's fees in actions to determine the applicability of certain local government regulations.
- ✗ [SB 862](#) **Perry** – Relating to the award of attorney's fees and other costs in certain proceedings involving a groundwater conservation district. This bill requires a Groundwater Conservation District to pay attorney fees for a permit appeal if they don't prevail in contesting a permit.


 [SB 898](#) **Bettencourt** - Relating to the ownership and local regulation of trees and timber.


 [SB 939](#) **Bettencourt** / [HB 815](#) **Burkett** - Relating to the regulatory analysis of rules proposed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This bill of "paralysis by analysis" requires that the costs, environmental effects and benefits of a rule be analyzed before adopted by TCEQ.


 [SB 1006](#) **Nichols** - Relating to the eligibility of land used as an ecological laboratory for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land.


 [SB 1053](#) **Perry** - Relating to an appeal of a desired future condition in a groundwater management area.


 [SB 1082](#) **Burton** - Relating to the ownership and local regulation of trees and timber.


 [SB 1385](#) **Campbell** / [HB 1135](#) **Workman** - Relating to enforcement of certain regulations by the acquisition of a conservation easement. If application of a provision (i.e. impervious cover restrictions) has the effect of requiring that more than 55% of the surface area of an owner's private real property remain in a natural or undeveloped state, it cannot be enforced unless the enforcing entity acquires a conservation easement - through eminent domain if they have the authority.

 [SB 1392](#) **Perry** - Relating to groundwater conservation districts


 [SB 1628](#) **Estes** – Relating to the replacement of contested case hearings for certain environmental permits with a petition for administrative review.

 [SB 1814](#) **Hinojosa** / [HB 4122](#) **Kacal** – Relating to the transference of certain territory from one groundwater conservation district to another.


 [SB 2254](#) **Hinojosa** - Relating to the powers and duties of the Need more Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1 and the territory of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District. This bill creates a private Needmore Ranch Groundwater Conservation District/MUD combination with authority to overrule the Barton Spring district's authority to protect the aquifer.


 [HB 898](#) **Workman** - Relating to the issuance of local permits by a regulatory agency of a political subdivision. HB 898 affects cities, counties and school districts that review and approve site


development permit applications and proposes to increase the financial liability of those permitting entities if they are found to have committed a regulatory taking. The bill creates a new process by which a permit applicant may force the political subdivision into arbitration if a request for grandfathering (whether current or older regulations apply to a given project) is denied, and the political subdivision must pay for half the cost of the arbitration even if successful. The political subdivision may also not charge a fee to determine grandfathering status.


 [HB 1523](#) **Workman** – Relating to the creation of the Southwest Travis County Special Utility District; providing authority to issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to impose fees and assessments.


 [HB 1530](#) **Workman** - Relating to the publication of required notice by a political subdivision in media other than a newspaper.


 [HB 1643](#) **Springer** - Relating to the prosecution of the offense of operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities.


 [HB 2533](#) **Geren** - Relating to civil suits brought by local governments or certain other persons for violations of certain laws under the jurisdiction of, or rules adopted or orders or permits issued by, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

 [HB 2959](#) **Isaac** - Relating to the provision of wholesale water and sewer service to certain municipalities.


 [HB 3004](#) **Isaac** - Relating to the dismissal of protests against certain decisions and actions of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding wastewater discharge permits.


 [HB 3028](#) **Burns** - Relating to groundwater ownership and rights.


 [HB 3314](#) **Frank** - Relating to the procedure for action on certain applications for an amendment to a water right.


 [HB 3677](#) **Isaac** - Relating to the creation of the Heart of Texas Aquifer District and the dissolution of certain groundwater conservation districts; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, or surcharges.





 [HB 4025](#) **Cortez** - Relating to the relationship between the amount of an administrative penalty imposed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the economic benefit of the violation to the alleged violator.


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 [HB 4045](#) Cortez - Relating to the regulation and permitting of groundwater. would force a gwcd to issue a permit based on the acreage of the ranch without notice or hearing allows for permits to be issued on a per acre basis -- and in Needmore's case that would be basically an unlimited, aquifer killing volume.

 [HB 4322](#) Nevárez - Relating to the creation of the Val Verde County Groundwater Conservation District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees, surcharges, and taxes.

 [SB 914](#) Campbell - Relating to the creation of the Kendall County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

 [HB 3219](#) Biedermann - Relating to the powers and duties of the Meyer Ranch Municipal Utility District of Comal County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.