



CAPITOL UPDATE

As promised, I will communicate to you the work and dealings of your state government over the next several months as we convene throughout the 85th Texas Legislature. I'm incredibly honored to serve the residents of House District 33. I look forward to increasing local control in our public schools, addressing the issues within Child Protective Services, and cutting wasteful spending and regulation that burdens our small business owners.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Capitol in Austin for my swearing-in ceremony.



Rockwall County swearing-in reception



Headed to the House Floor with Wiley Beth & Cullie



With Neely and the girls after the ceremony

It is an honor to represent you in the Texas House. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Justin Holland

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Invoice to the Federal Government

Last week, I joined fellow Texas House members in calling on the federal government to reimburse Texas taxpayers for \$2.8 billion in costs resulting from Washington's failure to secure the border.

Securing our nation's borders is a federal responsibility, but Washington's failure has forced Texas to take action on our own for many years. As a result, Texas taxpayers are carrying a tremendous financial burden that should be shared equally by all Americans. Today we are asking Washington to live up to its responsibility of securing the border, and to reimburse Texas for the \$2.8 billion our citizens have spent cleaning up the federal government's mess.



Since January 2013, the state of Texas and local governments have been forced to spend \$2.8 billion as a result of the federal government's failure to secure the border. Costs include:

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BALANCE DUE

\$2,821,389,365

PAYABLE ON RECEIPT

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR BORDER SECURITY COSTS

1. Dept. of Public Safety	\$1,410,563,257
2. Texas Parks & Wildlife	\$20,268,215
3. Texas Military Forces	\$62,976,798
4. TABC	\$670,728
5. Dept. of Criminal Justice	\$463,278,833
6. Health & Human Services	\$416,882,000
7. County Jails	\$265,563,826
8. Texas Education Agency	\$181,185,708
9. Costs Not Federally Tracked	?????????

TOTAL: \$2,821,389,365.00 ↑

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Biennial Revenue Estimate

Comptroller Glenn Hegar has released the Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE)-the number that tells lawmakers how much they can spend. The Legislature will have approximately \$104.9 billion state dollars to appropriate for general purpose spending during the 2018-2019 biennium.

This is about \$7 billion less than the 2016-17 biennium (a 2.7% decrease). Comptroller Hegar attributed the decrease in part to a drop in oil prices. "Ongoing weakness in activity related to oil and natural gas has been a drag on state economic growth and led to lagging revenue collections in 2016," he said in a press release.

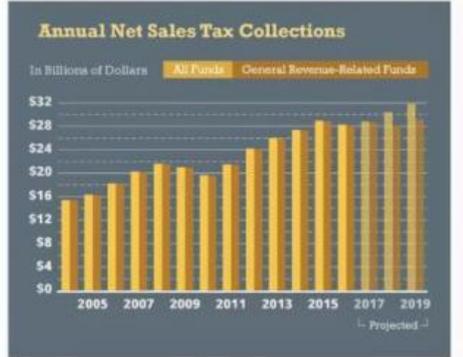
The Comptroller's website has several easy-to-follow resources that explain the BRE.

The Biennial Revenue Estimate is issued by the Comptroller at the start of every legislative session before Texas legislators begin budgeting for the next biennium. The estimate tells lawmakers how much they can spend, which in turn affects every Texan.

Revenue Available for General Purpose Spending		
	2016-17	2018-19
General Revenue-Related (GR-R) Revenues from Sales Taxes (Before allocation to State Highway Fund)	+ \$56.83	\$61.97
Sales Taxes Allocated to State Highway Fund	- \$0.0	(\$4.71)
Net GR-R Revenues from Sales Taxes	= \$56.83	\$57.26
Other GR-R Revenues	+ \$45.61	\$49.21
Total GR-R Revenues	= \$102.45	\$106.47
Beginning Balance (Funds carried forward from 2014)	+ \$7.29	\$1.53
Total GR-R Revenue & Fund Balances	= \$109.73	\$108.00
Revenue Reserved for Transfers to the Economic Stabilization and State Highway Funds	- \$2.0	\$3.13
Total Revenue Available for General-Purpose Spending	= \$107.73	\$104.87

In Billions of Dollars

In 2015, voters approved Proposition 7, which requires the Comptroller to direct some tax revenues to the State Highway Fund starting in fiscal 2018.



Glenn Hegar Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Statement on Congressman Sam Johnson's Retirement

Having served in the Vietnam War and representing Collin County in Congress for over two decades, Congressman Sam Johnson has dedicated his life to public service. A true leader and dedicated to helping others, he will be missed. We are thankful he is in D.C. to see the transition of unified American Congress back to conservative principles. Thank you, Congressman Johnson, for your years of service to our country. Big shoes to fill.



Vietnam Veteran and POW for 7 years

Dual Credit Options

Frisco ISD recently expanded dual credit options through Collin College giving students the opportunity to earn an associates degree at the same time as their high school diploma. Additionally, the expansion of options allows students to complete the first two years of their bachelor's degree at Collin College tuition rates and begin as upper classmen at a university.

Frisco ISD and Collin College will hold four informational meetings. Learn more here at www.friscoisd.org.

Honorary Page Program

My office is looking for candidates to join the Texas House of Representatives Honorary Page Program. An honorary page serves for one-half day during the legislative session, assisting their representative on the House Floor. Pages must be ages 8-18. Shifts are from 8:30am - 12:00pm or 1:30pm to 5:00pm.

If your child would like to be an Honorary Page for a day during the 85th Texas Legislature, please contact my office for more information at 512-463-0484.
