

Friends,

Over the past two weeks, the House was able to consider several very important bills. The Texas House passed HB 1927, the constitutional carry bill that would allow people to carry a handgun with out a license. As a body, the House was able to come together and pass a balanced budget. Texas should be an example to our federal government and other states to do their duty to the tax payer and balance a budget.



House floor on Budget Night

At this time, I have laid out 14 bills before several different House committees.

HB 2766

Unanimously Voted out of Committee 10-0

Heard on April 8th

Many rural low-socioeconomic high school students' GPAs, class rank, and subsequent automatic admission under the "top 10% law"

are being adversely impacted by weighted dual credit courses due to lack of family and community college financial resources. HB 2766 creates a dual credit pilot program for small and medium enrollment public junior colleges to provide financial assistance to students who are economically disadvantaged.

HB 2766 will be considered before the full House on Tuesday, April 23rd. Click <u>here</u> to watch the live stream.

<u>HB 3385</u>

Voted out of Committee 7-1 Heard on March 30th

When certain projects, such as transmission lines, pipelines, etc., cross a persons' property it permanently decreases the value of the property. HB 3385 will make an addition to the Landowner's Bill of Rights that the property owner has the right to submit a form for a Report of Decreased Value, and be given a copy of the form. This form is used for a property owner, who believes the appraised value of the property decreased during the preceding tax year for any reason other than normal depreciation, to render the property involved and state the nature of the cause of the decrease (Tax Code Section 22.03).

<u>HB 3387</u>

Unanimously Voted out of Committee 8-0

Heard on April 12th

Under current statute, the only legal method of dumping milk in Texas is to transfer the milk to a disposal well. This system places an undue, expensive burden on our hardworking dairy farmers and co-ops, as the average cost to dump a truckload of milk (about 50,000 pounds) is \$3,000. HB 3387 is our answer to ease the regulatory burdens on dairy farmers, benefit the environment, and save money that could be put to growing or maintaining the industry. This bill would allow the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality to adopt rules for land application of "dairy waste" to be used as fertilizer in agricultural production. In doing so, this legislation also will allow for milk to be disposed of in a wastewater lagoon provided that the risk of water contamination and quality is not impaired.

After I filed this bill, the Texas Association of Dairymen featured me and HB 3387 in their newsletter. Click <u>here</u> to read my article.



Representative Rogers with Granbury Mayor, Nin Hulett, City Councilman Tony Mobly and his wife Kathy, and City Manager Chris Coffman

Special Announcement

I would like extend a special to thanks to all of my constituents who made the drive down to the Capitol Office.

On Tuesday, May 4th, Granbury will be having a meeting with TxDOT to discuss the status and progress on the expansion of Highway 377.





Left photo: Representative Rogers at the Coleman Aggie Muster Right photo: Representative Rogers with Nicki Harle

Co-Authored Bills

Click <u>here</u> to see the full list

HB 1927 by Schaefer (R-Tyler)

Favorably Voted out of the House 87-58

The Second Amendment enshrined the right to bear arms in the U.S. Constitution. There are concerns that state law infringes on the free exercise of that right, namely by requiring a license, which takes time and money to obtain, to legally be able to carry a handgun. C.S.H.B. 1927 seeks to reduce barriers to the free exercise of Texans' constitutional right to bear arms and defend their lives and property by making it legal for individuals who are 21 years of age or older and who can legally possess a firearm to carry a handgun without first obtaining a license. The bill retains the handgun license in statute as optional to allow reciprocity with states that have not yet passed similar legislation.

My Office

Our Capitol office in Austin is open Monday-Friday 8-5, and my staff and I are ready and available to hear from you! Currently, the Capitol is open to the public. There are free COVID-19 testing sites located at the north entrance. If you ever find yourself in Austin, call my office to set up a time to visit.



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