



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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A MESSAGE FROM REPRESENTATIVE MUÑOZ

With only two weeks until Sine Die, or the end of the legislative session, the Texas House of Representatives has reached a critical time in the legislative process. In the coming weeks, we can expect the House and Senate to agree on a budget, which will dictate the financial future of our state, and the passage of key pieces of legislation. As more news become available, I will keep you up to date through these newsletters and via social media. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, as always, I welcome your concerns and suggestions. God Bless!



Representative Muñoz addressing the media at a press conference held by the Texas Democratic Party regarding the Border Wall.

DISTRICT 36 VISITORS AT THE TEXAS CAPITOL

I was proud to welcome Camarena Elementary School students from La Joya ISD and the Palmview Police Explorer Post #1996 and Youth Advisory Council to the Texas Capitol!



BILLS CO-AUTHORED FOR THE 86TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The deadline for bills to pass on 2nd reading in the House has passed and I am proud of the hard work my staff and I, along with community partners and constituents, have put into these meaningful pieces of legislation. Along with the bills I authored, I have also teamed up with colleagues to pass other meaningful pieces of legislation!



HB 2193 by Rep. Muñoz
It increases the current baccalaureate from five to six to create a Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Safety Management. The program will focus on public safety, homeland security, fire science, and emergency management.

HB 8 by Rep. Neave
would establish the Lavinia Masters Act. It would revise timelines for the possession and analysis of sexual assault examination kits, require an audit and deadlines for the analysis of untested kits and extend the statute of limitations for certain sexual assault offenses.



HB 2340 by Rep. Dominguez
HB 2340 improves disaster management and encourages federal-state partnerships to reduce red tape and streamline federal policies to be better prepared for future disasters

SB 756 by Senator Hinojosa
In 2013, the 83rd legislature eliminated eligible non-profits from consideration to receive grants authorized by the JET (Jobs and Education for Texans) Grant Program. SB 756 reinstates eligible non-profits for consideration for these grants.



HB 342 by Rep. Cortez
Children in Medicaid are subject to multiple income checks each year, and too many lose coverage even though they remain eligible. This bill would give Medicaid kids the same 12-month coverage that higher-income children on CHIP get.

HB 361 by Rep. Israel
Texas is one of 12 states that doesn't allow online voter registration. This bill would allow Texas residents to register to vote online, making it more accessible to be eligible for them to cast their votes.



ANOTHER \$500 MILLION PROJECTED FOR STATE BUDGET



Comptroller Glenn Hegar recently announced that based on changes in estimated revenue collections for this fiscal year, the projected ending balance of revenue available for general-purpose spending experienced an increase of \$518 million from the January 2019 Biennial Revenue Estimate. Some of the increased revenue projected for fiscal 2019 is attributable to upwardly revised estimates of oil and natural gas production tax collections. With this increase, we now expect our Economic Stabilization Fund to have a balance of \$15.62 billion at the end of the 2020-21 biennium.