



# REPRESENTATIVE SALMAN BHOJANI

PROUDLY SERVING THE PEOPLE OF HOUSE DISTRICT 92

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## TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the opportunity to represent House District 92. It truly is an honor and privilege to be your voice in the state government. As we gear up for the next legislative session, this newsletter will provide you with information about what we accomplished during my first session in 2023 and what is planned for the next one.

After one regular session and four called sessions, the 88th Texas Legislature (2023) accomplished significant victories for Texans all across the state. *We were able to deliver on key priorities like passing historic property tax relief, fighting efforts to divert money from our public schools, and expanding religious freedoms.*

**I will continue to work hard to improve the quality of life for you and your families.** Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can help you in any way. Call the Capitol office at [\(512\) 463-0522](tel:5124630522) or email [Salman.Bhojani@house.texas.gov](mailto:Salman.Bhojani@house.texas.gov).

Sincerely,



Rep. Bhojani with his wife, Nima, and two children, Raisha and Aarish



Rep. Bhojani taking the oath of office on Jan. 10, 2023

# 2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DISTRICT OVERVIEW



Rep. Bhojani surrounded by his fellow House freshmen during his first bill passage



## BILLS AUTHORED BY REP. BHOJANI LAST SESSION THAT BECAME LAW

**HB 1883:** Ensures that STAAR tests and end-of-course exams are not scheduled on holy days or periods of observation, including All Saint's Day, Christmas Day, Diwali, Eid al-Adha, Eid al-Fitr, Good Friday, Immaculate Conception, Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Vaisakhi, Vesak, and Yom Kippur.

**HB 4451:** Requires the Texas Workforce Commission to expand the availability of apprenticeship programs in emerging and high-demand Texas industries.

## DISTRICT NUMBERS

### ESTIMATED POPULATION

# 182,300

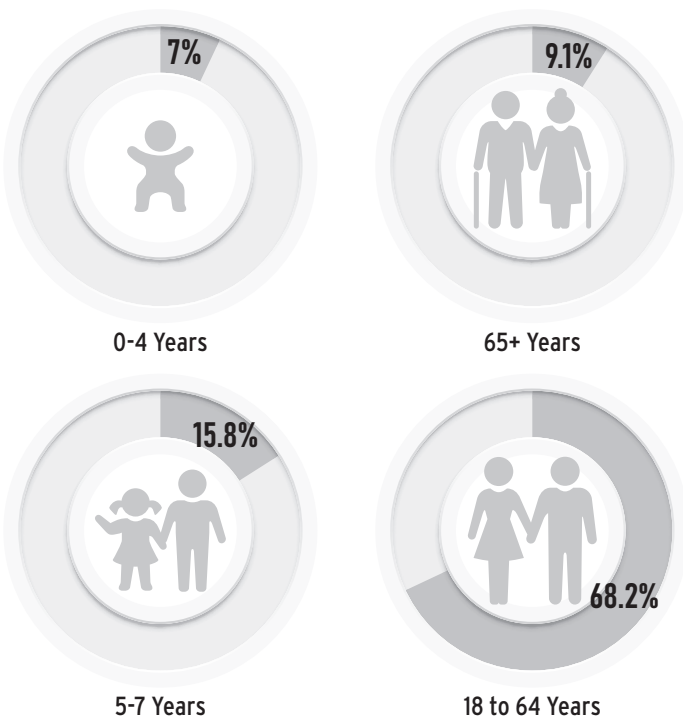
The Number of People Living in District 92

### DISTRICT DEMOGRAPHICS

Hispanic	34.0%
Black	28.0%
Anglo	27.4%
Asian	9.4%

† 2018-2022 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Summary File Analysis by Texas Legislative Council, Research Division

### AGE GROUPS IN DISTRICT POPULATION



Rep. Bhojani and his wife, Nima, welcome you to the District 92 office

# 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BILLS



## BILLS WE FILED FOR THIS SESSION

**HB 1042:** Makes it easier for homeless individuals to obtain birth records, driver's licenses, and other important documents they may need to secure safe housing and stable employment.

**HB 1044:** Ensures any religious leader can ordain a marriage in the state of Texas.

**HB 1046:** Ensures that children continue to receive child support regardless of any changes to who their legal guardian may be.

**HB 1047:** Expands optional state holidays for state employees to include All Saints' Day, Lunar New Year, Dashera, Vaisakhi, Vesak, Eid-al-Fitr, Eid-al-Adha; and one day of the Diwali festival and one day of Passover.

**HB 1048:** Increases the state's investment in early education by expanding the number of children who qualify for pre-K and ensures that funding for a full-day program is allocated.

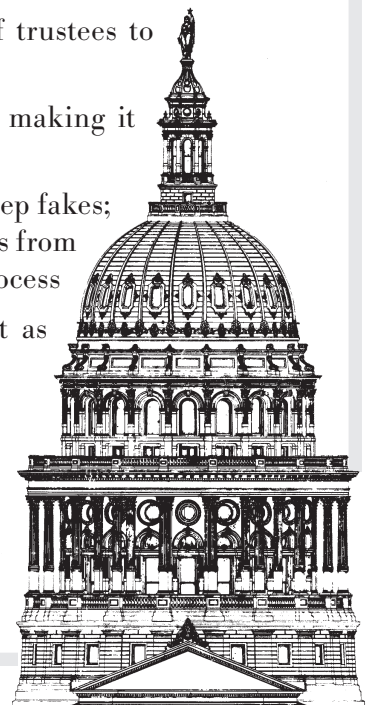
**HB 1055:** Doubles the incentive amount provided to school districts to ensure its special education students demonstrate college, career, or military readiness.

**HB 1061:** Encourages high school students to pursue Career & Technical Education programs by reimbursing them for certain course-related fees and expenses.

**HB 1063:** Allows municipalities to start a legal services office to provide legal representation to indigent, low-income, and disabled tenants.

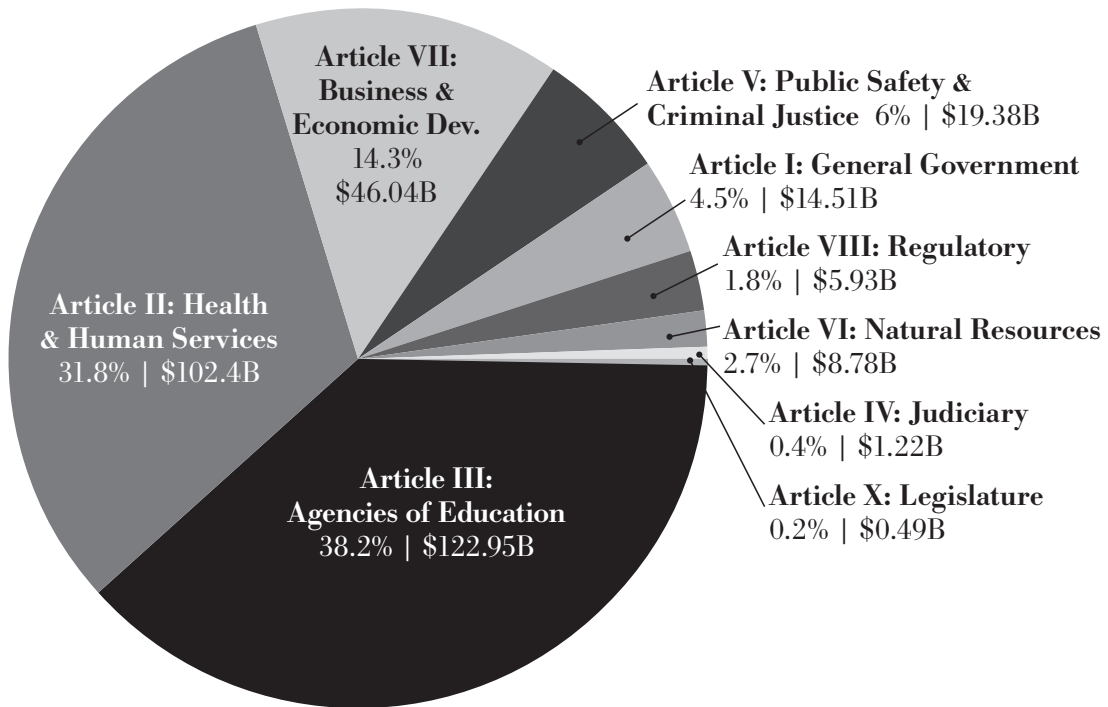
## BILLS WE WILL BE FILING

- Expand telemedicine thereby improving access to healthcare
- Incentivize home ownership by providing property tax relief for first-time homebuyers
- Provide merit-based tuition relief for community college students who are in good standing
- Ensure any new state buildings offer charging stations for electric vehicles
- Allow for a statewide, user-friendly citation template to improve comprehension and compliance across our state
- Ensure that user-friendly medical power of attorney alternatives are accepted in the state (previously filed as **HB 4989** in 2023)
- Create a non-voting student position on certain school districts' boards of trustees to ensure students' views are considered
- Support retired Texas teachers who want to return to work in schools by making it easier for them to be rehired
- Update child protection laws to address new technological threats such as deep fakes; impose higher penalties when it's used to exploit children; and protect minors from inappropriate social media content by requiring a robust age verification process
- Prohibit the use of seclusion and minimize the use of physical restraint as disciplinary measures for students with disabilities
- Reduce chronic disease and food insecurity by providing eligible individuals with nutrition education, tailored food boxes, and ongoing support partners
- Commission a pilot program to allow two counties to record title transfers using the blockchain technology to reduce costs, ensure timely recording, and improve security



# POLICY PRIORITIES

## FUNDING BY ARTICLE, ALL FUNDS (2024-25 BIENNIUM)



**TOTAL = \$321.7 (IN BILLIONS)**

Source: Legislative Budget Board

## **HEALTHCARE**

Texas has the largest uninsured population in the U.S. and protecting Medicaid funding for disadvantaged populations is an important step to close the healthcare gap and save taxpayers money. **The legislature must ensure that public health policies align with the latest medical research, and increase access to telemedicine so all Texans have prompt, widespread access to healthcare providers.**

## DATES OF INTEREST



*Rep. Bhojani and constituents celebrating HD-92 Day at the Texas Capitol in 2023*

<b>JANUARY 14, 2025</b>	<b>SWEARING-IN CEREMONY</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 10 &amp; 11, 2025</b>	<b>TARRANT COUNTY DAYS AT THE CAPITOL</b>
<b>MARCH 14, 2025</b>	<b>60-DAY DEADLINE FOR BILL FILING</b>
<b>APRIL 3, 2025</b>	<b>HD-92 DAY AT THE CAPITOL*</b>
<b>JUNE 2, 2025</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF THE SESSION</b>

\*We would be honored to have you join us for HD-92 Day on Monday, April 3, 2025. To RSVP or get details, please email [Salman.Bhojani@house.texas.gov](mailto:Salman.Bhojani@house.texas.gov).

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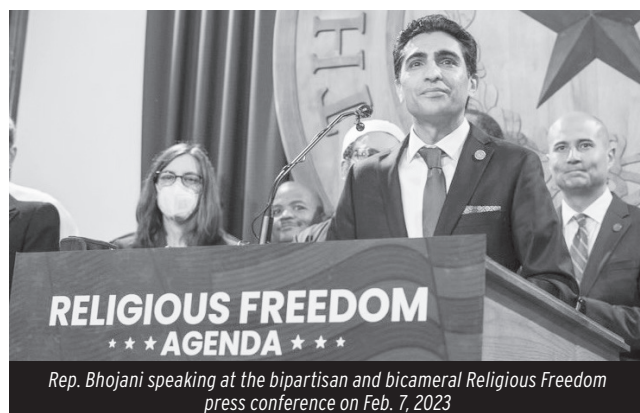
## EDUCATION

Texas ranks 46th in the nation in per student funding. With rising costs, due in part to inflation, public school budgets are being stretched further than ever. **It is imperative that the legislature increase the basic allotment for schools and prioritize pay raises for teachers before programs that divert your tax money to private schools without accountability.** Further, reevaluating how we measure student success to allow for a holistic approach is essential to increasing educational outcomes and decreasing the distractions that take time away from actual teaching in the classroom.

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Religious freedom is one of the most important and fundamental rights guaranteed to us in the U.S. Constitution. Protecting the rights of all Texans to practice their beliefs freely and without fear of persecution is a cornerstone of liberty and one of the core values to which I am committed.

Last session, I held a press conference at the Capitol to highlight this important issue and will continue to advocate for every Texan's right to practice their faith and ensure it is protected.



## ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOBS

After arriving in this country, I worked three minimum wage jobs to make ends meet, climbing the ladder from a convenience store clerk, to manager, to business owner, to an attorney, then a City Councilman, and now a State Rep. **Having lived the American Dream, I understand how a strong economy uplifts everyone.**

But a growing economy requires world-class schools, efficient transportation, a highly-capable workforce, good-paying jobs, clean water, and a reliable electric grid. The legislature must continue to fund programs that support and protect Texans of all incomes.

## PROPERTY TAXES

By the end of the 2023 legislative session, the Texas Legislature came to an agreement on how to fight the rapidly rising property taxes in our state. The result was an \$18 billion tax relief package that: (1) increased the homestead exemption from \$40K to \$100K; (2) established a 20% appraisal cap for non-homestead properties; and (3) cut franchise taxes for small business owners. **In the upcoming session, we will continue to look for ways to combat the explosive increase in property taxes so homeownership and rents can be affordable for all Texans.**

# CONSTITUENT SURVEY

## WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?

In order to best serve House District 92, I want to know what is important to you! Please scan the QR code to email us at [Salman.Bhojani@house.texas.gov](mailto:Salman.Bhojani@house.texas.gov) and let us know your concerns, feedback, or suggestions. Your response will help me advocate for issues that are most important to you and our community. Thank you!



## STATE AGENCY ASSISTANCE

Sometimes it can be challenging to work through a state agency. If you need any assistance navigating through this process, please contact my office at [Salman.Bhojani@house.texas.gov](mailto:Salman.Bhojani@house.texas.gov) or (512) 463-0522. Some examples include:

- Requesting a review of Medicaid or SNAP benefits
- Concerns with Child Protective Services
- Assistance with unemployment benefits
- Driver's license assistance

## FLAG REQUESTS

Did you know you can request a Texas flag to be flown over the state Capitol in honor or memory of a loved one? Visit [flags.house.texas.gov](http://flags.house.texas.gov) to order!



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Rep. Bhojani at his desk on the House floor signing certificates for high school seniors

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Our district is filled with wonderful people who are achieving great things. If you or someone you know deserves special recognition, don't hesitate to reach out to our office to provide a congratulatory letter or certificate.

Please include:

- Your full name
- Your contact information
- Honoree(s) name
- Reason for recommendation
- Form of requested recognition
- Requested date of delivery, if applicable
- Mailing instructions