

AGENDA
Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors
Board and Business Development Committee
Friday, March 12, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.
Zoom Video Conference

NOTE: A possible quorum of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors may be present at this committee meeting.

Directors of the ICVB and the public may participate in the Board and Business Development meeting by telephone conference or videoconference call. Sign-in via telephone or online will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on March 12, 2021. All participants by telephone conference or videoconference will be able to speak when called upon; however, video images of the citizen participants will not be available.

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1. Citizen Comments on Items Listed on the Agenda
2. Formalizing Board Officer Nomination Process
3. Update on 2021 Texas Legislative Session
4. Updates on CARES Act Federal Relief Program
5. Related Party Transaction Policy for Irving Convention Center
6. Formalizing the Irving Convention Center Bad Debt Policy
7. Approval of December 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes
8. Committee Chair Report
9. Next meeting June 11, 2021

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From: [Erika Boyd](#)
To: [Erika Boyd](#); [ron](#); [chuddleston](#)
Subject: TTA Legislative Update as of 03/05/21
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Members – Below is a legislative update from today’s call as well as updates on information shared in prior calls, and additionally our current bill tracking list. Please reach out if you have questions, would like additional information, or have a bill you would like us to track and discuss. **Thank you for all you do and your support in our advocacy efforts on behalf of the industry!**

Have a great weekend all!

-Erika

The Legislature is still moving more slowly than in past sessions, with both chambers meeting on shorter schedules. Covid-19, the State’s budget, and the winter storm continue to dominate. Both the House and Senate met briefly this week, and have adjourned until next Tuesday, March 9th.

Last week bills started getting referred to committees. The bill filing deadline is March 12. Once we hit the deadline, we will take a deep dive into bill language for impacts to the industry and provide more information to you. As of today, there have been 4,260 bills filed, and we are tracking 193 of them for the Texas Travel Alliance.

Updated bill tracking list as of today (03/05/21) below.

If you are signed up to be an advocate for travel & tourism through our grassroots platform, look for a text from us earlier today. We are asking our advocates to message your legislators in support of State Tourism Promotion funding. If you are not already signed up, you can do that here: **Text TRAVEL to 40649**, follow prompts to complete sign-up.

The House Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee has invited the travel industry to provide testimony about our covid-19 impacts and current state on Monday, March 8. TTA will provide testimony along with several members. More to come next week!

Highlights from previous week’s updates:

The Senate and the House held emergency hearings on the winter storms to get to the bottom of why the power grid failed when weatherization recommendations for power plants were issued a decade ago. It was evident that these recommendations issued by federal regulators were largely not enacted and unfortunately, left most of Texas’ residents without power during the coldest ice

storm the state has ever experienced. At this time, there are no estimates on what it will cost to weatherize all of the components of the grid, but at the end of the hearings, the Legislators main concern was who will pay? TTA will follow these ongoing conversations for impacts to the industry.

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick issued his top 31 priorities the Senate will take up and consider this legislative session. The topics vary from the State Budget, ERCOT, Broadband Access, and Pandemic Liability Protections. A complete [list is here.](#)

The bill filing volume is still down compared to previous sessions, but has picked up in recent days. There continues to be a backlog of bill drafting requests at Legislative Council. We will provide some statistics after the bill filing deadline which is on Friday, March 12th. We also continue to track filed bills for impacts to the travel industry.

The Senate and House continue to convene as a full body on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week. This week, the House started referring bills to their committees of jurisdiction. House committees will begin to hold organizational hearings next week and will most likely hold bill hearings the following week. So far this session, they have only spent 14 hours on the Floor combined. By this time in 2019, the two chambers had convened collectively for 53 hours. The main difference is that normally during this time, the chambers recognize groups and honor them with resolutions. With COVID, extra precautions are in place therefore, this ritualistic practice is not taking place.

TTA has signed on in support of the Hospitality and Commerce Job Recovery Act of 2021 (federal legislation). Support for this legislation is another part of our advocacy work to bring back meetings & events. The letter is linked [here.](#)

Senate Finance Committee hearings

State Tourism Promotion funding was not specifically discussed in testimony provided by Adriana Cruz, Office of Economic Development and Tourism. This is seen as a positive in that the request for funding has not drawn attention from any of the committee members and should remain intact. In advance of the hearings, TTA lobby team met with Senate Finance Committee members and their staff to discuss the importance of preserving the full budget request for tourism promotion and provided information on the value of the funds, particularly as related to economic recovery.

ASSET Coalition

The ASSET coalition, of which TTA is a member, continues to work to advance legislation to help businesses in Texas stabilize, rebuild, and grow. In order to help businesses stabilize, we will address overregulation—preempting cities and counties from regulating private employment practices, like scheduling, hiring, benefits and wages. This bill does not include language as related to discrimination. The bill will be filed by Senator Creighton and we will share more information as we have it.

Fleet/Commercial vehicle regulations

House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Chair Jeff Leach (R-Plano) filed HB 19 to reform commercial vehicle litigation.

A coalition is being built to support the legislation to clarify the rules for how commercial vehicle lawsuits are tried, ensuring juries have the facts necessary to award fair compensation and level the playing field for all litigants. Any members with fleet vehicles should follow this legislation and reach out for more information on the coalition and its efforts. TTA will follow and report as it relates to tourism businesses.

Governor Abbott's State of the State

Governor Abbott's State of the State address, he declared five emergency items.

The emergency items are:

- Expanding broadband access;
- Passing laws that prevent cities from defunding the police;
- Fixing the "flawed bail system;"
- Election integrity so Texans can have "trust and confidence in the outcome of elections;" and
- Coronavirus-related civil liberty protections for "individuals, businesses and health care providers that operated safely during the pandemic."

By declaring these items as an emergency will allow the Legislature to take action on them within the first 60 days of the legislative session. Abbott also noted other areas he believes should be priorities this legislative session, including continued investment in education and mental health support. The full transcript of the governor's address can be viewed [here](#).

Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan releases committee assignments - view the list of assignments by [committee and by member](#).

Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick releases committee assignments – view the list [here](#).

Beginning of Session update

The Legislature convened on January 12th to officially begin the 87th Regular Session. Representative Dade Phelan was formally elected as the Speaker of the Texas House and received nearly unanimous support from members of both parties.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced the biennial revenue estimate, which tells members how much they have to spend this budget cycle. The revenue estimate includes an upward revision over the July version, which had anticipated a 2021 ending balance of negative \$4.6 Billion. The figure now is expected to be a negative \$946 million. You can read Comptroller Hegar's announcement [here](#).

BILL TRACKING:

TTA
as of 03/05/21

T [HB 7](#)

[Button, Angie Chen\(R\)](#)

Relating to the computation of the replenishment ratio used to determine an employer's unemployment

		compensation tax rate.
		Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
HB 19	Leach, Jeff(R)	Relating to procedure, evidence, and remedies in civil actions.
		Last Action: 3- 9-21 H Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., E2.026, House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 35	Swanson, Valoree(R)	Relating to an election authorizing the issuance of bonds or an increase in taxes by a political subdivision.
	Companions:	HB 3723 Swanson, Valoree(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action: 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services
HB 41	Talarico, James(D)	Relating to class size limits and student/teacher ratios for prekindergarten classes provided by or on behalf of public schools
		Last Action: 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
HB 59	Murr, Andrew(R)	Relating to the elimination of school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes and the creation of a joint interim committee on the elimination of those taxes.
		Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Removed from hearing 03/08/21, House Ways and Means
HB 60	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to the minimum wage.
	Companions:	HB 194 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) HB 3273 Gonzalez, Jessica (F) (D) (Refiled from 86R Session) HB 731 Gonzalez, Jessica(D) (Identical) 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev HB 1917 Turner, Chris(D) (Identical) 2-12-21 H Filed
		Last Action: 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev

HB 68	Toth, Steve(R)	Relating to the definition of abuse of a child. Last Action: 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 72	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to the power of certain counties to enact certain park use rules. Companions: SB 425 Miles, Borris(D) (Identical) 1-25-21 S Filed Last Action: 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs
HB 87	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to requiring certain employers to provide paid sick leave to employees. Last Action: 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
HB 112	Toth, Steve(R)	Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition within the State of Texas. Companions: SB 513 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical) 1-28-21 S Filed Last Action: 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 113	Oliverson, Tom(R)	Relating to peer-to-peer car sharing programs. Last Action: 3- 9-21 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M., E2.014, House Insurance
HB 145	Rodriguez, Eddie(D)	Relating to removing the waiting period for unemployment benefit eligibility. Last Action: 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
HB 180	Gonzalez, Mary(D)	Relating to the transfer of vacation leave time to a sick leave pool in certain counties. Companions: SB 583 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical) 2- 4-21 S Filed Last Action: 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs
HB 190	Gonzalez, Mary(D)	Relating to a database of employers penalized for failure to pay wages or convicted of certain criminal offenses involving wage theft.

		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
T HB 194	Thierry, Shawn(D)		Relating to continuing education in cultural competence and implicit bias for certain physicians.
	Companions:	HB 607	Thierry, Shawn(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
T HB 205	Ortega, Lina(D)		Relating to safety requirements for amusement ride operators.
		Last Action:	3- 9-21 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M., E2.014, House Insurance
T HB 207	Lopez, Ray(D)		Relating to the rates of the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
T HB 224	Ortega, Lina(D)		Relating to authorization for a county or municipality to establish a local minimum wage.
	Companions:	HB 328	Ortega, Lina(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		SB 161	Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		SB 389	Eckhardt, Sarah (F) (D) (Identical)
			1-22-21 S Filed
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
T HB 247	Meza, Terry(D)		Relating to employment leave for certain family or medical obligations.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
T HB 255	Meza, Terry(D)		Relating to adjusting the minimum wage annually based on the consumer price index.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
T HB 263	Meza, Terry(D)		Relating to rest breaks for employees of certain contractors with a governmental entity.

		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
T HB 284	Collier, Nicole(D)		Relating to requiring certain employers to provide paid leave to employees.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
T HB 288	Stephenson, Phil(R)		Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district for maintenance and operations purposes of the total appraised value of a residence homestead and the offsetting of the resulting revenue loss.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
T HB 298	Zwiener, Erin(D)		Relating to regulation of outdoor lighting by certain municipalities.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs
T HB 344	Canales, Terry(D)		Relating to the payment of gratuities to certain employees.
	Companions:	HB 133	Canales, Terry(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
T HB 361	Sherman, Carl(D)		Relating to a franchise tax credit for taxable entities that provide paid family care leave.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
T HB 370	Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara(D)		Relating to the implementation of certain rules regarding public school accountability adopted by the commissioner of education or the Texas Education Agency.
	Companions:	HB 2013	Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
T HB 371	Fierro, Art(D)		Relating to the designation of the day after the Super Bowl as a state holiday.

		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
T HB 383	Pacheco, Leo(D)		Relating to the minimum wage.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
T HB 390	Thompson, Senfronia(D)		Relating to requirements for human trafficking awareness and prevention in commercial lodging establishments.
		Companions:	SB 316 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical) 1-11-21 S Filed
		Last Action:	3- 9-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.028, House Business and Industry
T HB 401	Hernandez, Ana(D)		Relating to the requirement that certain employers provide advance notice of employee work schedules.
		Companions:	HB 640 Hernandez, Ana(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
T HB 405	Hernandez, Ana(D)		Relating to the period during which an employee may file a claim for unpaid wages with the Texas Workforce Commission.
		Companions:	HB 399 Hernandez, Ana(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) SB 57 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical) 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
T HB 409	Cortez, Philip(D)		Relating to waivers for entrance fees to state parks and certain hunting and fishing license fees for resident first responders.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
T HB 419	Sherman, Carl(D)		Relating to certain unlawful employment practices regarding compensation.

		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
T HB 436	Thompson, Senfronia(D)		Relating to grounds for refusal of certain alcoholic beverage licenses and permits.
		Companions:	SB 195 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical) 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures
T HB 446	Allison, Steve(R)		Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of criminal mischief involving the damage or destruction of a public monument.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence
T HB 455	Deshotel, Joe(D)		Relating to inquiries about and the consideration of criminal history record information regarding applicants for employment.
		Last Action:	3- 9-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.028, House Business and Industry
T HB 458	Shaheen, Matt(R)		Relating to the collection and enforcement of withholding of income for the payment of child support.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues
T HB 464	Cortez, Philip(D)		Relating to food allergen awareness in food service establishments.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
T HB 477	Deshotel, Joe(D)		Relating to the operation of casino gaming in certain state coastal areas to provide additional money for residual windstorm insurance coverage and catastrophic flooding assistance in the coastal areas.
		Last Action:	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
T HB 528	White, James(R)		Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of commercial real property for ad valorem tax purposes.
		Last Action:	3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to

		committee on House Ways and Means
T HB 570	Paddie, Chris(R)	Relating to small business recovery funds and insurance tax credits for certain investments in those funds. Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
T HB 610	Swanson, Valoree(R)	Relating to judicial review of certain local laws applicable to state license holders. Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
T HB 612	Pacheco, Leo(D)	Relating to the scheduling of the first and last days of school for students by school districts. Companions: HB 233 Krause, Matt(R) (Refiled from 86R Session) HB 2515 Pacheco, Leo (F)(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) SB 673 Campbell, Donna(R) (Refiled from 86R Session) Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
T HB 615	Goodwin, Vikki(D)	Relating to the minimum wage. Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
T HB 623	Morales, Eddie (F)(D)	Relating to the designation of wind-powered energy device construction areas by certain counties. Companions: SB 595 Gutierrez, Roland (F) (Identical) (D) 2- 5-21 S Filed Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
T HB 687	Lozano, Jose(R)	Relating to the prosecution and punishment of the offense of smuggling of persons. Companions: HB 903 Lozano, Jose(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

SB 2009	Lucio, Eddie(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 576	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	(Identical)
	2- 3-21 S Filed	

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 731](#)

[Gonzalez, Jessica\(D\)](#)

Relating to the minimum wage.

Companions:

HB 194	Reynolds, Ron(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 3273	Gonzalez, Jessica (F) (D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 60	Reynolds, Ron(D)	(Identical)
	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev	
HB 1917	Turner, Chris(D)	(Identical)
	2-12-21 H Filed	

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev

[HB 749](#)

[Middleton, Mayes\(R\)](#)

Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.

Companions:

SB 234	Hall, Bob(R)	(Identical)
	3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 764](#)

[Krause, Matt\(R\)](#)

Relating to the academic assessment of public school students.

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 773](#)

[VanDeaver, Gary\(R\)](#)

Relating to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system.

Companions:

SB 194	Powell, Beverly(D)	(Identical)
	3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education	

Last Action: 3- 9-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.004, House Public Education

[HB 778](#)

[Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#)

Relating to the extension of the

expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

Companions:	HB 2129	Murphy, Jim(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	HB 1502	Deshotel, Joe(D)	(Identical)
	SB 144	Powell, Beverly(D)	(Identical)

2- 1-21 H Filed

3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[T HB 783](#) [Cyrier, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to the powers and duties of the Parks and Wildlife Department regarding wind-powered energy devices.

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[T HB 819](#) [White, James\(R\)](#)

Relating to the creation of certain pilot programs to encourage economic and educational opportunities in certain regions of this state.

Companions:	HB 3565	White, James(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	SB 2380	Hughes, Bryan(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev

[T HB 820](#) [White, James\(R\)](#)

Relating to requiring certain business entities to audit the business's supply chain and on-site services for the use of forced labor.

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

[T HB 828](#) [Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#)

Relating to requiring disability studies as part of the enrichment curriculum for public schools.

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[T HB 906](#) [Krause, Matt\(R\)](#)

Relating to a prohibition on orders issued during a declared state of

disaster that distinguish between essential and nonessential services.

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[T HB 938](#)

[Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#)

Relating to an election in certain municipalities to convert all or a portion of a sales and use tax originally adopted for the purpose of sports and community venues to a sales and use tax for economic development purp

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[T HB 950](#)

[Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#)

Relating to the conversion of all or a portion of a municipal sales and use tax originally adopted for the purpose of sports and community venues to a municipal sales and use tax for economic development purposes.

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[T HB 958](#)

[Oliverson, Tom\(R\)](#)

Relating to the allocation and deposit of certain surplus state revenue to the property tax relief fund for use in reducing school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes.

Companions: [HB 2537](#) Oliverson, Tom(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 3733](#) Shaheen, Matt(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[T HB 998](#)

[Dutton, Harold\(D\)](#)

Relating to the qualifications for designation as a dropout recovery school and evaluating the performance of dropout recovery schools for purposes of the public school accountability system.

Last Action: 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[T HB 1010](#)

[Turner, John\(D\)](#)

Relating to adjustment of the average daily attendance for school districts providing additional half-day instruction for certain students.

Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

<p>HB 1017</p>	<p>Bernal, Diego(D)</p>	<p>Relating to a study of the impact and feasibility of adopting average daily membership when determining the entitlement of a school district or open-enrollment charter school.</p> <p>Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education</p>						
<p>HB 1032</p>	<p>Thierry, Shawn(D)</p>	<p>Relating to certain public school workforce training programs funded by the skills development fund and to authorizing school districts to provide funding using money received under the Foundation School Program.</p> <p>Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev</p>						
<p>HB 1053</p>	<p>Bell, Cecil(R)</p>	<p>Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.</p> <p>Companions:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="771 846 1346 1108"> <tr> <td>HB 878</td> <td>Bell, Cecil(R)</td> <td>(Refiled from 86R Session)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SB 1086</td> <td>Seliger, Kel(R)</td> <td>(Refiled from 86R Session)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</p>	HB 878	Bell, Cecil(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)	SB 1086	Seliger, Kel(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
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SB 1086	Seliger, Kel(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)						
<p>HB 1100</p>	<p>Bailes, Ernest(R)</p>	<p>Relating to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system.</p> <p>Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education</p>						
<p>HB 1137</p>	<p>Cain, Briscoe(R)</p>	<p>Relating to limiting the assessment of certain fees and taxes during a declared state of disaster.</p> <p>Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</p>						
<p>HB 1192</p>	<p>Hinojosa, Gina(D)</p>	<p>Relating to the administration of public school assessment instruments and the temporary suspension of certain accountability determinations for a school district.</p> <p>Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education</p>						
<p>HB 1195</p>	<p>Geren, Charlie(R)</p>	<p>Relating to the forgiveness of a loan made under the Paycheck Protection Program for franchise tax purposes.</p>						

	Companions:	SB 372	Hancock, Kelly(R)	(Identical)
			1-21-21 S Filed	
	Last Action:	3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means		
HB 1200	Morales, Christina(D)	Relating to clarification of the law regarding the regulation of historic or culturally significant structures, objects, sites, or districts by certain municipalities.		
	Last Action:	3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management		
HB 1246	Hinojosa, Gina(D)	Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system.		
	Companions:	SB 728	Lucio, Eddie(D)	(Identical)
			2-22-21 S Filed	
	Last Action:	3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education		
HB 1268	Ashby, Trent(R)	Relating to the definition of amusement ride for purposes of amusement ride regulation.		
	Last Action:	3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance		
HB 1276	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the sale of certain food by food service establishments.		
	Companions:	SB 843	Springer, Drew (F)(R)	(Identical)
			2-26-21 S Filed	
	Last Action:	3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health		
HB 1298	Bernal, Diego(D)	Relating to requiring certain employers to provide paid sick leave to employees.		
	Companions:	HB 3728	Bernal, Diego(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
		SB 1826	Menendez, Jose(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	Last Action:	3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev		
HB 1302	Guillen, Ryan(D)	Relating to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability		

		system.
		Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
T HB 1303	Guillen, Ryan(D)	Relating to an academic distinction designation for high student achievement under the public school accountability system.
		Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
T HB 1309	Guillen, Ryan(D)	Relating to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system.
	Companions:	SB 382 Powell, Beverly(D) (Identical) 1-21-21 S Filed
		Last Action: 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
T HB 1341	Leach, Jeff(R)	Relating to waivers for entrance fees to state parks for resident first responders, military service members, and veterans.
		Last Action: 3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
T HB 1395	Middleton, Mayes(R)	Relating to ad valorem taxation.
		Last Action: 3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
T HB 1399	Krause, Matt(R)	Relating to professional liability insurance coverage for and prohibitions on the provision to certain children of procedures and treatments for gender transitioning, gender reassignment, or gender dysphoria.
		Last Action: 3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
T HB 1416	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the definition of business day for purposes of the public information law.
	Companions:	SB 925 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical) 3- 2-21 S Filed
		Last Action: 3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
T HB 1424	Oliverson, Tom(R)	Relating to a health care provider's right to object to participation in a medical procedure that violates the provider's ethical, moral, or religious beliefs.

		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
T HB 1429	Lopez, Ray(D)		Relating to designating the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
T HB 1468	Bell, Keith(R)		Relating to curriculum and eligibility requirements for the provision of local remote learning to qualify for state funding and calculation of average daily attendance.
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
T HB 1472	Bucy, John(D)		Relating to the eligibility of the Concacaf Gold Cup for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.
		Companions:	SB 579 Eckhardt, Sarah (F) (Identical) (D) 2- 3-21 S Filed
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
T HB 1478	Cyrier, John(R)		Relating to liability of a recreational vehicle park or campground entity for injuries arising from certain activities.
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
T HB 1500	Hefner, Cole(R)		Relating to authority of the governor and certain political subdivisions to regulate firearms, ammunition, knives, air guns, explosives, and combustibles and certain associated businesses during certain disasters and emergencies.
		Companions:	HB 2249 Hefner, Cole(R) (Identical) 2-24-21 H Filed SB 18 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical) 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
T HB 1502	Deshotel, Joe(D)		Relating to the extension of the

expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

Companions: [HB 2129](#) Murphy, Jim(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 778](#) Lozano, Jose(R) (Identical)
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
[SB 144](#) Powell, Beverly(D) (Identical)
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

Last Action: 2- 1-21 H Filed

[T](#) [HB 1536](#) [Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#) Relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification requirements for certain food service employees.

Last Action: 2- 2-21 H Filed

[T](#) [HB 1539](#) [Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#) Relating to warning signs posted by certain food service establishments that prepare food items containing peanut products.

Last Action: 2- 2-21 H Filed

[T](#) [HB 1554](#) [Rogers, Glenn \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to use of project funds of municipal development districts.

Companions: [SB 565](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)
2- 2-21 S Filed

Last Action: 2- 3-21 H Filed

[T](#) [HB 1556](#) [Murphy, Jim\(R\)](#) Relating to the Texas Economic Development Act.

Last Action: 2- 3-21 H Filed

[T](#) [HB 1602](#) [Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#) Relating to information regarding career and employment skills development required to be included with a written statement of an individualized education program developed for certain public school students.

Last Action: 2- 4-21 H Filed

[T](#) [HB 1615](#) [Cyrier, John\(R\)](#) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Companions: [SB 700](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)

		2- 9-21 S Filed
	Last Action:	2- 5-21 H Filed
HB 1632	Morrison, Geanie(R)	Relating to the creation of the Texas music incubator rebate program to provide for rebates of a portion of certain taxes collected from certain music venues and promoters of certain music festivals.
	Companions:	SB 609 Alvarado, Carol(D) (Identical) 2- 8-21 S Filed
	Last Action:	2- 5-21 H Filed
HB 1644	Sherman, Carl(D)	Relating to determinations by the Texas Historical Commission regarding the relocation of historical markers.
	Last Action:	2- 5-21 H Filed
HB 1651	Wilson, Terry(R)	Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the feasibility of charging a pavement consumption fee for the operation of certain motor vehicles on public highways.
	Last Action:	2- 5-21 H Filed
HB 1676	Goodwin, Vikki(D)	Relating to child water safety requirements for certain organizations.
	Last Action:	2- 8-21 H Filed
HB 1687	Noble, Candy(R)	Relating to unlawful employment practices with respect to the COVID-19 vaccine.
	Last Action:	2- 8-21 H Filed
HB 1703	Middleton, Mayes(R)	Relating to disclosure of certain relationships with local government officers and vendors.
	Last Action:	2- 9-21 H Filed
HB 1764	Guillen, Ryan(D)	Relating to authorizing certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax and the use of revenue from that tax.
	Companions:	SB 696 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical) 2-22-21 S Filed
	Last Action:	2-10-21 H Filed
HB 1768	Anchia, Rafael(D)	Relating to the prosecution of certain offenses involving the carrying of weapons at amusement parks or locations associated with schools or other educational institutions.
	Companions:	HB 1167 Anchia, Rafael(D) (Refiled)

			from 86R Session)
	Last Action:	2-10-21 H Filed	
T HB 1799	Button, Angie Chen(R)	Relating to the administration of apprenticeship training programs.	
	Companions:	SB 614	Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical) 2- 8-21 S Filed
	Last Action:	2-10-21 H Filed	
T HB 1827	Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)	Relating to the minimum wage.	
	Last Action:	2-11-21 H Filed	
T HB 1851	Bucy, John(D)	Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to receive certain tax revenue derived from a hotel and convention center project and to pledge certain tax revenue for the payment of obligations related to the project.	
	Last Action:	2-11-21 H Filed	
T HB 1856	Hefner, Cole(R)	Relating to carrying and storing a firearm or firearm ammunition by a hotel guest.	
	Last Action:	2-11-21 H Filed	
T HB 1857	Anchia, Rafael(D)	Relating to the offense involving the carrying of handguns by license holders on the premises or property of certain recreational facilities.	
	Companions:	HB 1164	Anchia, Rafael(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
	Last Action:	2-11-21 H Filed	
T HB 1896	Schofield, Mike(R)	Relating to daylight saving time.	
	Last Action:	2-12-21 H Filed	
T HB 1908	Morales, Eddie (F)(D)	Relating to the adoption of a state scenic byways program.	
	Companions:	SB 941	Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical) 3- 2-21 S Filed
	Last Action:	2-12-21 H Filed	
T HB 1915	Turner, Chris(D)	Relating to the minimum wage and overtime pay for employees.	
	Companions:	HB 4555	Turner, Chris(D) (Refiled from

			86R Session)
		Last Action:	2-12-21 H Filed
HB 1917	Turner, Chris(D)		Relating to the minimum wage.
		Companions:	HB 194 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) HB 3273 Gonzalez, Jessica (F) (D) (Refiled from 86R Session) HB 60 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical) 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev HB 731 Gonzalez, Jessica(D) (Identical) 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev
		Last Action:	2-12-21 H Filed
HB 1941	Goodwin, Vikki(D)		Relating to the use of certain devices to train or control the behavior of an elephant.
		Last Action:	2-16-21 H Filed
HB 1960	Beckley, Michelle(D)		Relating to regulation of short-term rental units by municipalities.
		Companions:	HB 3773 Button, Angie Chen(R) (Refiled from 86R Session) SB 1888 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action:	2-19-21 H Filed
HB 1961	Beckley, Michelle(D)		Relating to regulation of short-term rental units.
		Companions:	HB 3778 Button, Angie Chen(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action:	2-19-21 H Filed
HB 1962	Beckley, Michelle(D)		Relating to the collection of state, municipal, and county hotel occupancy taxes by a short-term rental marketplace.
		Companions:	HB 3779 Button, Angie Chen(R) (Refiled

			from 86R Session)
	SB 1472	Powell, Beverly (F)(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action:	2-19-21 H Filed
HB 1963	Beckley, Michelle(D)	Relating to the regulation of short-term rentals by a property owners' association.	
	Companions:	HB 4176	Button, Angie Chen(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action:	2-19-21 H Filed
HB 2127	Turner, Chris(D)	Relating to consumption of alcoholic beverages in public entertainment facilities and zones.	
		Last Action:	2-23-21 H Filed
HB 2132	Ellzey, Jake (F)(R)	Relating to the eligibility of the National Hot Rod Association Fall Nationals at the Texas Motorplex for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.	
		Last Action:	2-23-21 H Filed
HB 2155	Oliverson, Tom(R)	Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain municipalities.	
		Last Action:	2-23-21 H Filed
HB 2160	Raymond, Richard(D)	Relating to requiring the Department of Information Resources to conduct a study concerning the cybersecurity of small businesses.	
		Last Action:	2-24-21 H Filed
HB 2172	Morales, Eddie (F)(D)	Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax and the use of revenue from that tax.	
		Last Action:	2-24-21 H Filed
HB 2205	Romero, Ramon(D)	Relating to applicability of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code to certain pools, spas, and other swimming areas.	
		Last Action:	2-24-21 H Filed
HB 2209	King, Tracy(D)	Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain	

		municipalities.
	Last Action:	2-24-21 H Filed
T HB 2307	White, James(R)	Relating to the award of grants by the Texas Workforce Commission to facilitate the participation of certain veterans and military personnel in apprenticeship training programs.
	Last Action:	2-25-21 H Filed
T HB 2309	Dominguez, Alex(D)	Relating to the penalties for the illegal use of a parking space or area designated specifically for persons with disabilities.
	Last Action:	2-25-21 H Filed
T HB 2345	Zwiener, Erin(D)	Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax.
	Last Action:	2-25-21 H Filed
T HB 2349	Noble, Candy(R)	Relating to vehicle safety inspections of certain travel trailers.
	Last Action:	2-25-21 H Filed
T HB 2420	Howard, Donna(D)	Relating to the eligibility of the South by Southwest Conference and Festivals for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.
	Last Action:	2-26-21 H Filed
T HB 2433	Zwiener, Erin(D)	Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.
	Last Action:	2-26-21 H Filed
T HB 2466	Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara(D)	Relating to the application for funding for certain workforce development programs.
	Last Action:	3- 1-21 H Filed
T HB 2515	Shaheen, Matt(R)	Relating to short-term rental units that violate municipal ordinances.
	Last Action:	3- 1-21 H Filed
T HB 2537	Reynolds, Ron(D)	Relating to county regulation of short-term rental units in the unincorporated area of certain counties.
	Last Action:	3- 1-21 H Filed
T HB 2543	Dominguez, Alex(D)	Relating to the use of county hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain counties.
	Last Action:	3- 2-21 H Filed

<p>HB 2571</p>	<p>Slaton, Bryan (F)(R)</p>	<p>Relating to the removal, relocation, alteration, or construction of certain monuments or memorials located on public property.</p>						
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<p>SB 1663</p>	<p>Creighton, Brandon(R)</p>	<p>(Refiled from 86R Session)</p>						
<p>Last Action:</p>		<p>3- 2-21 H Filed</p>						
<p>HB 2597</p>	<p>Paul, Dennis(R)</p>	<p>Relating to prohibiting camping in certain places.</p>						
<p>Last Action:</p>		<p>3- 2-21 H Filed</p>						
<p>HB 2662</p>	<p>Krause, Matt(R)</p>	<p>Relating to the elimination of certain regulations waived during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.</p>						
<p>Last Action:</p>		<p>3- 3-21 H Filed</p>						
<p>HB 2690</p>	<p>Reynolds, Ron(D)</p>	<p>Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to receive certain tax revenue derived from a hotel and convention center project and related establishments and to pledge certain tax revenue.</p>						
<p>Last Action:</p>		<p>3- 3-21 H Filed</p>						
<p>HB 2713</p>	<p>Hefner, Cole(R)</p>	<p>Relating to the removal, relocation, alteration, or construction of certain monuments or memorials located on public property.</p>						
<p>Last Action:</p>		<p>3- 3-21 H Filed</p>						
<p>HB 2802</p>	<p>Dean, Jay(R)</p>	<p>Relating to the administration of public school assessment instruments and the temporary suspension of certain accountability determinations for public schools in a school year in which public school operations are d</p>						
<p>Last Action:</p>		<p>3- 4-21 H Filed</p>						
<p>HB 2866</p>	<p>Biedermann, Kyle(R)</p>	<p>Relating to the preservation, maintenance, and restoration of the Alamo Cenotaph.</p>						
<p>Last Action:</p>		<p>3- 4-21 H Filed</p>						
<p>HB 2889</p>	<p>Meyer, Morgan(R)</p>	<p>Relating to the calculation, collection, and remittance of state hotel occupancy taxes.</p>						

		Last Action:	3- 4-21 H Filed
T HB 2921	Middleton, Mayes(R)		Relating to applicability of the Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act to certain statutes relating to access to public beaches.
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Filed
T HB 2947	Cyrrier, John(R)		Relating to the regulation of recreational vehicle rental communities.
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Filed
T HB 2948	Cyrrier, John(R)		Relating to the authority of a county to regulate condominiums.
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Filed
T HB 2971	Cason, Jeff (F)(R)		Relating to the repeal of the Texas Economic Development Act.
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Filed
T HB 2977	Morrison, Geanie(R)		Relating to the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain municipalities and the authority of certain municipalities to pledge that revenue, and to receive and pledge certain other revenue, for the payment of obligations.
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Filed
T HB 2978	Hull, Lacey (F)(R)		Relating to required agreement provisions and eligibility of certain games and events for funding administered by the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office.
		Last Action:	3- 5-21 H Filed
T HCR 3	VanDeaver, Gary(R)		Requesting the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the House of Representatives to direct the appropriate house and senate committees to conduct an interim study regarding the feasibility of integrating the Northeast Texas
		Last Action:	11- 9-20 H Filed
T HCR 6	Bailes, Ernest(R)		Encouraging employers to look for ways to honor veterans on Veterans Day, including allowing veterans a day off in appreciation for their service.
		Last Action:	11-23-20 H Filed
T HCR 21	Reynolds, Ron(D)		Urging Congress to raise the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.
		Last Action:	12-31-20 H Filed

T HJR 27	White, James(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment to reduce the allocation of certain general revenue to the economic stabilization fund and to use that revenue for certain science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) scholarships.
Last Action:		3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
T HJR 30	White, James(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of commercial real property for ad valorem tax purposes.
Last Action:		3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
T HJR 33	Swanson, Valoree(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment protecting an individual's right to earn a living free from unnecessary governmental interference.
Last Action:		3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures
T HJR 82	Craddick, Tom(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of and use of money in the Grow Texas fund and allocating certain general revenues to that fund, the economic stabilization fund, and the state highway fund.
Companions:		HJR 21 Craddick, Tom(R) (Identical) 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
Last Action:		2- 4-21 H Filed
T HJR 85	Patterson, Jared(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment to prevent certain public officers and entities from prohibiting the operation of industries or other categories of business or commercial activity in this state.
Last Action:		2- 9-21 H Filed
T HJR 94	Schofield, Mike(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring this state to observe daylight saving time year-round.
Last Action:		2-12-21 H Filed
T SB 57	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to the period during which an employee may file a claim for unpaid wages with the Texas Workforce Commission.

Companions: [HB 399](#) Hernandez, Ana(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 405](#) Hernandez, Ana(D) (Identical)
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev

Last Action: 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

[SB 144](#)

[Powell, Beverly\(D\)](#)

Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

Companions: [HB 2129](#) Murphy, Jim(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
[HB 778](#) Lozano, Jose(R) (Identical)
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
[HB 1502](#) Deshotel, Joe(D) (Identical)
2- 1-21 H Filed

Last Action: 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

[SB 149](#)

[Powell, Beverly\(D\)](#)

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities.

Last Action: 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security

[SB 150](#)

[Powell, Beverly\(D\)](#)

Relating to the procedure for adoption by a state agency of rules that may have an adverse economic effect on small businesses, micro-businesses, and rural communities.

Companions: [HB 415](#) Guerra, Bobby(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

Last Action: 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 194](#)

[Powell, Beverly\(D\)](#)

Relating to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system.

Companions: [HB 773](#) VanDeaver, Gary(R) (Identical)
3- 9-21 H Meeting set for 8:00

		A.M., E1.004, House Public Education
		Last Action: 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education
T SB 199	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to automated external defibrillators.
		Last Action: 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
T SB 233	Whitmire, John(D)	Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.
	Companions:	HB 188 Bernal, Diego(D) (Identical) 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
		Last Action: 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
T SB 234	Hall, Bob(R)	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.
	Companions:	HB 749 Middleton, Mayes(R) (Identical) 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
		Last Action: 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
T SB 247	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to discrimination against or burdening certain constitutional rights of an applicant for or holder of a license to practice law in this state.
		Last Action: 3- 8-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs
T SB 302	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to the administration of the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) Grant Program.
		Last Action: 1-11-21 S Filed
T SB 316	Huffman, Joan(R)	Relating to requirements for human trafficking awareness and prevention in commercial lodging establishments.
	Companions:	HB 390 Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical) 3- 9-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.028, House Business and Industry
		Last Action: 1-11-21 S Filed

T SB 329	Paxton, Angela(R)	Relating to a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on the property of certain businesses that are required to close by an order, proclamation, or other instrument.
	Last Action:	1-12-21 S Filed
T SB 372	Hancock, Kelly(R)	Relating to the forgiveness of a loan made under the Paycheck Protection Program for franchise tax purposes.
	Companions:	HB 1195 Geren, Charlie(R) (Identical) 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
	Last Action:	1-21-21 S Filed
T SB 373	Perry, Charles(R)	Relating to requiring public school students to participate in interscholastic athletic activities based on biological sex.
	Last Action:	1-21-21 S Filed
T SB 382	Powell, Beverly(D)	Relating to indicators of achievement under the public school accountability system.
	Companions:	HB 1309 Guillen, Ryan(D) (Identical) 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
	Last Action:	1-21-21 S Filed
T SB 389	Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)	Relating to authorization for a county or municipality to establish a local minimum wage.
	Companions:	HB 328 Ortega, Lina(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) SB 161 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) HB 224 Ortega, Lina(D) (Identical) 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
	Last Action:	1-22-21 S Filed
T SB 402	Johnson, Nathan(D)	Relating to the municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance.
	Companions:	HB 1538 Johnson, Julie(D) (Identical) 2- 2-21 H Filed
	Last Action:	1-22-21 S Filed

SB 424	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	Relating to state agency enforcement of laws regulating small businesses.
	Last Action:	1-25-21 S Filed
SB 425	Miles, Borris(D)	Relating to the power of certain counties to enact certain park use rules.
	Companions:	HB 72 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical) 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs
	Last Action:	1-25-21 S Filed
SB 465	Paxton, Angela(R)	Relating to a waiver of certain state park fees for certain disabled veterans.
	Last Action:	1-26-21 S Filed
SB 551	Campbell, Donna(R)	Relating to wages and employment benefits.
	Companions:	SB 762 Campbell, Donna(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
	Last Action:	2- 1-21 S Filed
SB 563	Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D)	Relating to the classification of certain exotic livestock and exotic and nongame animals.
	Last Action:	2- 2-21 S Filed
SB 565	Buckingham, Dawn(R)	Relating to use of project funds of municipal development districts.
	Companions:	HB 1554 Rogers, Glenn (F)(R) (Identical) 2- 3-21 H Filed
	Last Action:	2- 2-21 S Filed
SB 579	Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)	Relating to the eligibility of the Concacaf Gold Cup for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.
	Companions:	HB 1472 Bucy, John(D) (Identical) 3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
	Last Action:	2- 3-21 S Filed
SB 592	Kolhorst, Lois(R)	Relating to the definition of a bet for purposes of gambling criminal offenses.
	Companions:	HB 2303 Moody, Joe(D) (Refiled from 86R)

		HB 393	Moody, Joe(D)	Session) (Identical) 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
		Last Action: 2- 5-21 S Filed		
SB 609	Alvarado, Carol(D)	Relating to the creation of the Texas music incubator rebate program to provide for rebates of a portion of certain taxes collected from certain music venues and promoters of certain music festivals.		
		Companions: HB 1632	Morrison, Geanie(R)	(Identical) 2- 5-21 H Filed
		Last Action: 2- 8-21 S Filed		
SB 627	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to the creation, purpose, implementation, and funding of the County Park Beautification and Improvement Program.		
		Companions: SB 409	Hughes, Bryan(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action: 2- 9-21 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Committee on Administration		
SB 661	Powell, Beverly(D)	Relating to the establishment of the Building Better Futures Program to support educational and occupational skills training opportunities and support services.		
		Last Action: 2-11-21 S Filed		
SB 666	Kolkhorst, Lois(R)	Relating to the requirement that certain persons taking oysters on a licensed commercial oyster boat obtain a commercial fisherman's license.		
		Last Action: 2-11-21 S Filed		
SB 696	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to authorizing certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax and the use of revenue from that tax.		
		Companions: HB 1764	Guillen, Ryan(D)	(Identical) 2-10-21 H Filed
		Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed		
SB 728	Lucio, Eddie(D)	Relating to the use of average enrollment for purposes of the public school finance system.		
		Companions: HB 1246	Hinojosa, Gina(D)	(Identical)

		3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
		Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed
SB 813	Hughes, Bryan(R)	Relating to the insurance premium tax credit for the certified rehabilitation of certified historic structures.
		Last Action: 2-25-21 S Filed
SB 828	Hughes, Bryan(R)	Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.
	Companions: SB 1467	Hughes, Bryan(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action: 2-26-21 S Filed
SB 911	Hancock, Kelly(R)	Relating to the regulation of restaurants and third-party food delivery services, including the issuance of certain permits to restaurants.
	Companions: HB 2119	Burrows, Dustin(R) (Identical) 2-23-21 H Filed
		Last Action: 3- 2-21 S Filed
SB 931	Creighton, Brandon(R)	Relating to a franchise tax credit for entities that employ certain students in certain paid internship or similar programs.
	Companions: SB 570	Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
		Last Action: 3- 2-21 S Filed
SB 987	Buckingham, Dawn(R)	Relating to prohibitions on camping in a public place.
	Companions: HB 1925	Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical) 2-25-21 H Filed
		Last Action: 3- 3-21 S Filed
SJR 23	Paxton, Angela(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on the property of certain businesses.
		Last Action: 1-12-21 S Filed

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Hospitality and Commerce Job Recovery Act of 2021

Section-by-Section Summary

SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX CREDIT TO SUPPORT THE CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW INDUSTRY: Provides a general business credit (or a refundable payroll tax credit in the case of nonprofit organizations) for the cost of attending or hosting a convention, business meeting, or trade show in the United States between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2024.

- Specifically, creates a convention and trade show restart credit equal to:
 - 50% of the qualified participation costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer, and
 - 100% of the qualified restart costs paid or incurred by an eligible provider.
- Qualified participation costs would be defined as any cost incurred to attend or participate in a qualified event, including registration fees, lodging, and costs associated with trade show exhibitions.
- Qualified restart costs would be defined as any cost associated with reopening facilities designed for conventions, business meetings, or trade shows, if the facility was forced to close down or reduce operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic—including any renovation, remediation, personal protective equipment, cleaning, testing, or labor cost needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF EMPLOYEE RETENTION TAX CREDIT: Extends the Employee Retention Tax Credit from July 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022.

SEC. 4. REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON ENTERTAINMENT, ETC. EXPENSES RELATED TO TRADE OR BUSINESS: Temporarily restores the Entertainment Business Expense Deduction by repealing the changes made by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act for taxable years after December 31, 2020 and before January 1, 2023.

SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX CREDIT TO SUPPORT THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY: Provides a general business tax credit for restaurants or food service businesses (including carry-out food businesses whose primary operations function is prepared foods), covering any cost associated with reopening or increasing service at an establishment forced to close down or reduce operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic—including any renovation, remediation, testing, or labor cost needed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Credit would be effective between the date of enactment and December 31, 2022.

- Specifically, creates a restaurant and dining restart credit equal to the qualified restart costs paid or incurred by the taxpayer.
- Qualified restart costs include costs in reopening a trade or business property or increasing meal and beverage services provided at such property including renovation, remediation, additional labor, or rental costs or testing of employees.

SEC. 6. CREDIT FOR TRAVEL EXPENDITURES: Provides an individual tax credit for qualified travel expenses occurring in the United States between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2023.

- Specifically, creates a credit for individuals worth 50 percent of qualified travel expenses up to a maximum of \$1,500 per household plus \$500 for each qualifying child (providing a maximum

benefit of \$3,000 for a family of five). The credit begins phasing out for individuals making over \$75,000 per year (\$150,000 for married couples).

- Qualified travel expenses would include any travel expense above \$25 incurred at least 50 miles from the individual's home and includes an overnight stay, including expenses related to meals, lodging, recreation, transportation, amusement or entertainment, and gasoline.
- The tax credit can be carried back to the previous tax year, to provide a for a quicker benefit.

SEC. 7. ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY TAX CREDIT FOR UNMERCHANTABLE

INVENTORY: Provides a temporary credit for unmerchantable inventory between March 13, 2020 and September 30, 2020 at 90 percent of the qualified unmerchantable food and beverage costs for any taxpayer engaged in active trade of sale of food or beverage as a manufacturer, importer, wholesale distributor, or retailer.

From: [Tori Emerson Barnes, U.S. Travel Association](#)
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U.S. Travel PAC

March 2021

Dear Maura,

When we last wrote on January 5, we had our eyes fixed on the Georgia Senate races. The victories by Democrats Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock sealed the Democratic control of both legislative chambers and the White House, but with a twist—a 50/50 Senate, with Vice President Kamala Harris able to cast the 51st vote. More of what this means below.

This dynamic has only occurred three times in history—1881, 1953 and 2001. In the U.S. House of Representatives, appointments to the administration from the Democratic ranks

further closes the gap, with Democrats holding 221 seats and Republicans holding 211 seats.

TravelPAC in Action

With such narrow margins in both chambers, it is possible to see more involvement from the emerging bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus. This group played a pivotal role late in 2020, jumpstarting negotiations on the year-end coronavirus relief package.

TravelPAC supported Problem Solvers Caucus members including Representatives Mark Amodei (R-NV), Tom Reed (R-NY), Fred Upton (R-MI), Debbie Dingell (D-MI), and Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Mark Warner (D-VA), Susan Collins (R-ME) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV).

PAC-ing a Punch

Thank you to all who joined our virtual TravelPAC Auction and wine tasting in January—we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Together, we raised nearly \$90,000 for TravelPAC. These funds help position our industry in Washington as we advance our collective priorities.

Thank you for your generous donations, enthusiastic bidding and your overall support for TravelPAC. We hope you continue to work with us to keep growing this important tool that will help ensure our industry stays top of mind for lawmakers.

Cheers,

Tori Emerson Barnes
Executive Vice President, Public Affairs and Policy
U.S. Travel Association



POLITICAL LAY OF THE LAND

THE IMPACT OF A 50/50 SENATE

There are 100 seats in the U. S. Senate, currently split down the middle with both Democrats and Republicans holding 50 each and Vice President Kamala Harris (D) serving as tiebreaker. Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-

KY) will continue to lead their respective parties.

About Dem Options...

Revoking the filibuster—a political procedure where one or more members of Congress debate over a proposed piece of legislation to delay or prevent a vote—seemed like a real possibility as Democrats took majority. This now appears unlikely for the time being as the Democrats make an effort to work with Republicans—and because they do not have the votes.

However, there are two legislative procedures for Democrats to exercise their simple majority of 51 votes: using the Congressional Review Act (CRA) and budget reconciliation.

- The CRA allows Congress to negate a final agency rulemaking with a simple majority vote in both chambers and the President's signature.
- [Budget reconciliation](#) accelerates the legislative process and allows the Senate to bypass the 60-vote threshold. Still, every provision of the bill must comply with complicated budget rules.

Reconciling the Relief Package

The Biden administration's American Rescue Plan is slated to pass under the budget reconciliation rules, but the Senate parliamentarian must conduct a thorough analysis to ensure all provisions comply.

In the final days before the vote, the Senate parliamentarian determined a provision to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour was outside the scope of the reconciliation rules and it will likely be removed from the final bill.

Goodbye Congress, Hello Administration

Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA)

As we all well know, the Democratic senator resigned from her seat to assume the Vice President role, becoming the first Black, South Asian and female to hold the office.

Who Takes the Seat? California Governor Gavin Newsom (D) selected California Secretary of State Alex Padilla (D) to succeed Vice President Kamala Harris, who will finish Harris' term through 2022 when he will be up for re-election if he chooses to run. Senator Padilla is the first Latino senator from California.

Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA-2)

Rep. Richmond will serve as senior advisor to President Biden and director of the Office of Public Engagement.

Who Takes the Seat? Louisiana will hold a special election to fill the seat on March 20. Louisiana is a majority-vote system, meaning all candidates compete in the same primary, and a candidate can win the election outright by receiving more than 50% of the vote. If no candidate does, the top two vote recipients from the primary advance to the general election,

regardless of their partisan affiliation. If necessary, a runoff election will be held on April 24. This is a solid Democratic seat.

Rep. Deb Haaland* (D-NM-1)

The Democratic representative from New Mexico's 1st Congressional District has been nominated to serve as Secretary of the Interior. If confirmed, she would become the first-ever Native American cabinet secretary.

Who Takes the Seat? According to New Mexico law, the governor must call for a special election within 10 days of the vacancy, which must occur no earlier than 77 days from the date of the proclamation and no later than 91 days from the date of declaration. Party leaders will select the candidates who will face off in the race to serve New Mexico's 1st Congressional District. This is considered a strong Democratic seat—Rep. Heather Wilson was the last Republican to hold this office in 2009.

Rep. Marcia Fudge* (D-OH-11)

The Democratic representative for Ohio's 11th Congressional District has been nominated to serve as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Who Takes the Seat? Based on Ohio's Constitution, Governor Mike DeWine (R) will call for a special election to complete the remainder of Rep. Fudge's term. Depending on the confirmation process timing, the primary will either be held on May 4 or August 3 (concurrent with regularly scheduled primaries). The general election will be either on August 3 or November 2. This is considered a solidly Democratic seat.

**Pending Senate Confirmation—because the Democrats hold a slim margin, President Biden is trying to confirm executive nominations in the Senate quickly.*

Further reading: The National Journal provides [additional detail on the potential impact of 50/50 Senate](#).

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO START TALKING MID-TERMS (2022)

Retiring Travel Champions and Swing State Senators

Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA): A two-term senator and the ranking member of the Senate Banking Committee—where he was formerly chair. In October, Sen. Toomey announced he would leave office and move to the private sector after his current term. This seat is considered a toss-up in 2022.

Senator Rob Portman (R-OH): A two-term senator and the ranking member of the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee. In January, Sen. Portman announced he would not run for re-election, citing partisan gridlock and a lack of legislative progress. This seat leans Republican.

Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL): A Republican senior senator from Alabama and ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. First elected in 1978, he has served as the chairman of four powerful committees, including Banking, Intelligence, Rules, and

Appropriations. This is a solid Republican seat.

Senator Richard Burr (R-NC): A three-term Republican senator and former chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. Sen. Burr announced in 2016 that he would leave office at the end of his term to work in the private sector. He has faced rebuke as one of seven Republicans who voted to convict former President Trump in the recent impeachment hearings and was censured by the North Carolina GOP. This seat is considered a toss-up in 2022.

Potential Senators Retiring

Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA): A senior senator, ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee and member on the Senate Finance, Budget, and Agriculture committees, and the Joint Committee on Taxation. If elected to a sixth term in 2022, Sen. Grassley would be 95 at the end of his term. The senators has indicated he loves his job and has the stamina to continue to serve. He will decide in the fall whether or not to run again.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): A senior senator (she is the oldest senator at the age of 87) and former ranking member on the Senate Judiciary Committee after she made the decision to step down last November. This action has increased speculation that she may retire before her term ends in 2024. She has been criticized for her collegial relationship with Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-SC), and according to the [LA Times](#), recent polls show that only 35% of registered California voters approve of Sen. Feinstein's work.

Retiring Representatives

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX-30): The first woman to chair the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. She is retiring at the end of her 15th term in Congress.

Potential Representatives Retiring in 2022

Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12): The current Speaker of the House. Ahead of the 116th Congress, she pledged that she would only serve as Speaker for four years. At 80 years old, she remains a force, and her well-honed political skills have kept various factions of her caucus in line.

Rep. Jim Langevin (D-2-RI): May lose his seat if redistricting eliminates one of Rhode Island's two congressional districts. He could run for governor of Rhode Island in 2022.

Further Reading: National Journal has further [broken down the potential effects of retirements](#), the Senate races to watch in 2022, as well as takes a closer look at [redistricting and its potential impact on congressional seats](#).

Rep. Stephanie Murphy
(D-FL-7)

Q: What is your proudest legislative achievement that supported travel and tourism in your district?

A: *During this pandemic, I spearheaded the successful legislative effort to enact the Employee Retention*

Tax Credit (ERTC), a pro-worker and pro-business provision that provides direct financial support to businesses that retain or rehire workers, rather than lay them off. I'm now leading the effort to extend this credit through the end of 2021. It is estimated that this provision will enable businesses to retain or rehire 13 million workers, and it should be especially helpful to businesses and workers in the travel and tourism sector.

Q: What is your top recommendation for why travelers should visit your district?

A: *Central Florida is home to many tourist attractions like Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, SeaWorld, among many others. We are also a top culinary destination, with a growing list of frequently visited restaurants with cuisines from all over the world. And given the fact that Florida enjoys warm weather year-round, we are a perfect spot for retreats, conventions, and conferences. Since we're so used to visitors from all over the world, Central Floridians are always welcoming people. We can't wait to beat this virus so we can once again welcome travelers with open arms.*

Q: What was your most memorable childhood vacation?

A: *I loved going fishing with my dad as a kid. Now that I call Florida home, I love visiting our beautiful beaches, fishing with my husband and young children, and soaking in all that Florida has to offer. Like my dad taught me, there is no issue that can't be resolved while fishing.*

Q: What do you miss the most about travel during the pandemic?

A: *I miss going on trips with the kids and planning future adventures that I know they will keep as memories for the rest of their lives. As a member of Congress, I often travel back and forth between Washington and my Central Florida home. During these*

trips, I miss the ability to interact freely with the community I represent, and exchange views or hugs at the airport or on the plane as I hear the stories from Central Floridians about the needs that exist in our region. I hope we will soon return to normal, and travel will once again not just be a means to get to another destination, but also to connect with other people.

Q: Favorite travel spots in your district:

A: *I like to support any of the many businesses or eat at one of the many restaurants we have at Park Avenue in Winter Park, Florida. This vibrant area brings together businesses, restaurants, and people, and I'm always happy to support them and bring my family along for a great meal or some afternoon shopping.*

KEY DATES AHEAD

- **March 17, 2021:** Destination Capitol Hill
- **March 20, 2021:** Louisiana Special General Election for 2nd and 5th Congressional District
- **April 24, 2021:** Possible Louisiana Special Run-Off Election for 2nd and 5th Congressional District
- **May 1, 2021:** Texas Special General Election for 6th Congressional District

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MINUTES – BOARD AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**IRVING CONVENTION CENTER
VIA ZOOM
Friday, December 4, 2020**

Those in attendance: Acting Committee Chair Debbi Haacke, Committee Vice Chair Bob Bourgeois, Beth Bowman, Board Chair Karen Cooperstein, Julia Kang, Clem Lear, Rick Lindsey, and Greg Malcolm – Committee; Carol Boyer, Maura Gast and Susan Rose – ICVB Staff.

Acting Committee Chair Debbi Haacke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Haacke asked for any citizen comments and there were none.

Haacke thanked everyone for their support during her appointment as the Committee Chair and ICVB Board member. She reminded the Committee of the accomplishments they have made and noted their contributions in support of the Board are invaluable.

The Committee discussed reorganization and updates to the ICVB Board portal. Executive Director Maura Gast stated the updates and reorganization recommended are for better navigation and to encourage Board use. Assistant Executive Director Finance/Administration Susan Rose, Marketing Director Monty White and Office Manager Carol Boyer will head the project and hope to have updates completed to present to the full Board at the January 25 meeting, based on today's input.

Rose presented a preview presentation of the newly redesigned portal.

- Initial input from the Committee was implemented.
- The portal now has tabs posted by Committee with links for each with complete information needed for that Committee. Other tabs include Board and staff contact information, forms, industry news, Board orientation documents, Board/Committee meeting and activities calendar and City Council agendas.
- The ICVB Board bylaws will be added as separate tab so it can be easily identified.
- There is no Search option available for the portal only; the Search function will only search the entire Visit Irving website.
- From October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 there were 2,870 page views.
- IT Manager Brice Petty is developing a "how to" video with instructions for basic use of the portal and will include smart phone access and shortcut instructions.
- The portal is a secure link only. Anyone outside the ICVB Board requesting any of the information contained within the portal should submit an Open Records Request. A highlighted link on the portal entry page provides links to the City's website with instructions to submit a request.

Rose asked for Committee feedback:

- Haacke commented she is encouraged by the reorganization of the portal and ease of use.
- Board Chair Karen Cooperstein suggested "hot buttons" for the ICVB Strategic Plan and Budget.
- "In the News" tab – Gast noted there are several articles added in the monthly Board meeting packet and she is hesitant to move too much to the portal in this tab, so they do not get lost on the portal and not read.

Discussion was held on sending email alerts when information that is important has posted to the portal and the choice of opting in to receive the information. Board member Beth Bowman commented the updates and reorganization are a great enhancement to the portal from the foundation that was already created. She suggested adding the Chamber of Commerce economic and legislative information to the "Industry News". She cautioned overwhelming Board members with emails. It is important to have all information in one place for Board members as volunteers in the community to navigate all the resources available to them.

Haacke asked if there is a procedure for keeping the information up to date. Rose replied there is no formal process in place but will work with Boyer and the ICVB Executive team to get information updated. Gast will also include a review of the portal in the Board orientation and discuss the importance of use.

ACTION ITEM: Rose will research if an opt-in option is available in the website program.

ACTION ITEM: The Committee will revisit the portal discussion in six months from its "re-launch" to review the usage and any further update requests, so there is time for board members to begin using the revamped version and to get used to it.

ACTION ITEM: Legislative Alerts tab – add legislative information and include the Chamber's legislative news and City of Irving's legislative agenda. Also add links to Texas Restaurant Association and Texas Hotel & Lodging Association for their legislative agendas as well, and any others that may be appropriate.

ACTION ITEM: Add Calendar to the Council Agendas and Calendar to the Chamber of Commerce.

ACTION ITEM: Add ICVB Board value statements as a priority to include in the Strategic Plan update in 2021.

Rose thanked everyone for their input.

Gast gave an overview of the ICVB Bylaws recommended changes:

- Industry-at-large Board position changed from Salesmanship Club position.
- Formalization of the Officer nominations, with the process being the responsibility of the Board and Business Development Committee. Committee recommendations would serve as official slate with nominations from the floor at the Board meeting when the vote is taken.
- The only Committee with defined members is the Executive Committee.

ACTION ITEM: Gast to make the Bylaws changes and bring back to the full Board in January for adoption. If adopted, then moves to the City Council agenda for their approval in February or March 2021.

ACTION ITEM: Gast to connect with Executive Director of Arts and Culture Todd Hawkins for clarification of timing for the Arts Board Bylaws adoption.

ACTION ITEM: Change in language – A slate will be presented by the Board & Business Development Committee for the Board's action at its November meeting, and nominations may also be taken from the floor.

ACTION ITEM: Future Committee topic – Board Nomination Process.

Gast gave an overview of the 2021 Legislative Session.

National Issues:

- Comprehensive COVID relief – hotels, restaurants, related industry, states, and cities, CVBs, Convention Centers.
- Comprehensive COVID Recovery – National Restaurant Association, US Travel Association.
- US Conference of Mayors – National Restaurant Association and Destinations
International working very closely with U.S. Conference of Mayors on issues.

State Issues:

- Local control, municipal lobbying rights, protection of current hotel tax statutes, protection (or expansion) of State Tourism Office funding, protection (or expansion) of tools such as TPID, Events Trust Fund, etc.
- Restaurant issues will include making certain COVID exceptions permanent, i.e., alcohol to go, Restaurant Rescue Package omnibus bill.
- Texas Competes/combating discriminatory legislation.
- City will adopt its legislative agenda next week (12/14).
- "How" the Texas legislature will operate in COVID environment is still TBD.

Cooperstein suggested a letter from the Board to support and have an opportunity to voice opinion to the State Affairs Committee hearing to reinvigorate the ban on taxpayer lobbying. It is imperative to support the initiative, as it does affect Irving.

ACTION ITEM: Gast to send to full Board for their support.

Haacke asked for a motion to approve the Board and Business Development Committee meeting minutes. From September 11, 2020. On a motion from Cooperstein and a second from Board member Bob Bourgeois, the motion was unanimously approved.

Haacke reminded the Committee the next proposed meeting date is March 12 with new Committee Chair Bourgeois. A quarterly meeting date schedule will be forthcoming.

Future Committee meeting topics were discussed and included:

- Legislative Issues.
- Related Party Transaction Policy for ICC.
- Strategic Plan update with possible July Strategic Plan meeting with full Board.
- Rebuilding ICVB Reserve & Operating Funds:
 - Continued conversation with City Chief Financial Officer Jeff Litchfield on terms for loan repayment.
 - Opportunity for repayment of \$3 million taken from ICVB to meet initial debt service shortfall.

- 2026 Sunset of current Hotel Occupancy Tax allocations.
- Board applicant recruitment efforts.
- Formalize procedure for ICC bad debt policy.
- Additional CARES Act funding opportunities.
- “Great Plates” type programs – Texas, local/Irving.
- Relief Bill trickle down to local level and CVB asks.
- Extending/adding another level to programs that were approved in order to create a recovery specific Business Development Incentive Plan effort that hotels could use to mitigate additional expenses for a group.

Discussion was held on vaccine distribution and protocol for healthcare and essential workers. Hotel and Restaurant Associations are lobbying nationally to be defined as essential. Convention Centers could be identified as mass vaccine inoculation sites.

Gast reported a Go Fund Me page will be launched benefiting ICC furloughed staff for assistance during the holidays. Another addition of StaffMeal, serving the restaurant, hospitality, and events community, will be distributed at the ICC the week before Christmas and volunteers may be needed.

Haacke thanked the Committee and extended wishes for continued success in future meetings.

Haacke adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Maura Allen Gast, FCDME
Executive Director