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Every Friday, this newsletter will keep you up to speed on some of the legislation important to Texas Farm Bureau members that Austin staff are following.

Please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate staff with any questions.

Legislative Update

Eminent Domain

HB 2730: Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

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Passed the House, on to the Senate: On May 13, HB 2730 was passed by the House with 144 votes for and 1 vote *against*. Click [here](#), and click "record vote" to see the record vote for the third reading. Click [here](#) to watch the House Floor discussion on HB 2730.

Click [here](#) to read our update on HB 2730 in Issue 17 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** HB 2730. (TFB 2021 Policy: Eminent Domain 151, Pages 61-62, Lines 9-15 and 52-62.)

Texas Farm Bureau Health Plan

HB 3924: Relating to health benefits offered by certain nonprofit agricultural organizations.

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

On May 13, HB 3924 was voted favorably from the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce. It was placed on the Senate Intent Calendar for May 14.

Click [here](#) to read the summary of HB 3924 in Issue 16 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** HB 3924 because it will allow our organization to provide a valuable service to our members.

Sunset Review: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

SB 700 and **HB 1615:** Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

[Sen. Buckingham, Dawn \(R\)](#)

[Rep. Cyrier, John \(R\)](#)

Passed Texas Legislature, on to Texas Governor: On May 12, SB 700 was passed by the House with 140 votes *for* and 1 vote *against*. Click [here](#) to see the record vote for the third reading.

Click [here](#) to read our summary of HB 1615 and SB 700 in Issue 14 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** HB 1615 and SB 700. (TFB 2021 Policy: Wildlife 130, Page 19, Lines 6-8.)

Truth in Labeling

HB 316 and **SB 883**: Relating to the advertising and labeling of certain meat food products.

[Buckley, Brad \(R\)](#)

[Sen. Springer, Drew \(R\)](#)

Passed the House, on to the Senate: On May 11, HB 316 was passed by the House with 124 votes *for* and 21 votes *against*. Click [here](#) to see the record vote for the third reading.

Click [here](#) to read our summary of HB 316 in Issue 2 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** HB 3924 because it will allow the organization to provide a valuable service to members.

Pesticide Application

HB 1070 and **SB 395** Relating to the performance of pest control work by persons who hold a commercial or noncommercial applicator license issued by the Department of Agriculture.

[Rep. Harris, Cody \(R\)](#)

[Sen. Perry, Charles \(R\)](#)

Passed Texas Legislature, on to Texas Governor: HB 1070 was passed unanimously out of both chambers and sent to the Governor on May 4. Click [here](#) to see the record vote for the third reading.

Click [here](#) to read our summary of HB 1070 in Issue 11 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** HB 1070 and SB 395. (TFB 2021 Policy: Agricultural Chemicals 134, Page 27, Lines 108-109).

Livestock

HB 1958 and **SB 1342**: Relating to the regulation of livestock export-import processing facilities.

[Rep. Gonzales, Mary \(D\)](#)

[Sen. Springer, Drew \(R\)](#)

HB 1958 was voted unanimously from the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs on May 13. It was recommended for the Senate Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Click [here](#) to read our summary of HB 1958 in Issue 7 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** HB 1958 and SB 1342. (TFB 2021 Policy: Texas Animal Health Commission 107, Pages 5 & 6, Lines 14-18 / Livestock 120, Page 16, Lines 138-139.)

Farm Animal Liability

HB 365 Relating to the limitation of liability for farm animal activities.

[Rep. Murr, Andrew \(R\)](#)

On May 13, HB 365 was voted favorably from the Senate Committee on State Affairs.

Click [here](#) to read our summary of HB 365 in Issue 2 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** HB 365. (TFB 2021 Policy: Livestock Section 120, Page 15, Lines 43-44, Property Rights Section 150, Page 58, Lines 97-99.)

Invasive Species

SB 634: Relating to the confidentiality of the identity of certain landowners who participate in a State Soil and Water Conservation Board program to manage or eradicate an invasive species.

[Sen. Kolkhorst, Lois \(R\)](#)

On May 11, HB 634 was passed by the House with 141 votes for and 2 votes against. Click [here](#) to see the record vote for the third reading.

Click [here](#) to read our summary of SB 634 in Issue 6 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** SB 634. (TFB 2021 Policy: Rural Living 183, Page 116, Lines 19-27. Weed Control 138, Page 32, Lines 27-28. Animal Species Generally 148, Page 56, Lines 55-57. Groundwater 153, Page 70, Lines 190-194. Water Management 155, Page 77, Lines 77-82).

Land Use

SB 1118: Relating to the creation and administration of the On-The-Ground Conservation Program by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

[Sen. Johnson, Nathan \(D\)](#)

Passed Texas Legislature, on to Texas Governor: On May 12, SB 1118 was passed by the House with 143 votes *for* and 1 vote *against*. Click [here](#) to see the record vote for the third reading.

Click [here](#) to see the bill analysis for SB 1118.

TFB **supports** SB 1118. (TFB 2021 Policy: Section 108, Page 6, Lines 1-3).

SB 1338: Relating to disclosure requirements for agreements consenting to municipal annexation.

[Sen. Zaffirini, Judith \(D\)](#)

Passed Texas Legislature, on to Texas Governor: On May 12, SB 1338 was passed unanimously by the House and Senate.

Click [here](#) to see the bill analysis for SB 1338.

TFB **supports** SB 1338. (TFB 2021 Policy: Cities 171, Page 102, Lines 22-25).

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