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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 Deadlines

Sine Die was Monday, May 31. This was the last day for the House and Senate to pass conference committee reports or concur on House and Senate amendments.

June 20 is the last day the governor may sign or veto bills passed during the regular session. We will send a final session wrap-up Austin Newsletter after the veto period has ended.

Water

SB 601: Relating to the creation and activities of the Texas Produced Water Consortium.

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

Passed Texas Legislature, on to Texas Governor: On May 18, the conference committee version of SB 601 was passed by the House with 132 votes for and 5 votes against. Click [here](#) to see the record vote for the conference committee report adoption.

Click [here](#) to read our original summary of SB 601 on Issue 5 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** SB 601. (TFB 2021 Policy: Water Management 155, Page 78, Lines 146 – 147.)

Agricultural Vandalism

HB 1480: Relating to the protection of animal and crop facilities.

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

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

Passed Texas Legislature, on to Texas Governor: On May 27, the committee substitute for HB 1480 passed the Senate unanimously. On May 28, the House concurred with Senate amendments, with 136 votes *for* and 9 votes *against*. Click [here](#) to see the record vote for House concurrence.

Click [here](#) to read our summary of HB 1480 in Issue 4 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** HB 1480. (TFB 2021 Policy: Animal Welfare 149, Page 56, Line 2).

Sunset Review Texas Department of Agriculture, Prescribed Burning Board, & Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation

SB 703: Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Agriculture, the Prescribed Burning Board, and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and the abolishment of the Early Childhood Health and Nutrition Interagency Council.

[Rep. Canales, Terry \(D\)](#)

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

Passed by Texas Legislature, on to Texas Governor: On May 29, the Senate concurred with House amendments of SB 703. Record not yet published.

Click [here](#) to read our summary of SB 703 in Issue 14 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** SB 703. (TFB 2021 Policy: Texas Department of Agriculture 106, Page 4, Lines 1-6 and 30-32.)

Sunset Review Texas Animal Health Commission

SB 705: Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Animal Health Commission.

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

[Sen. Lucio Jr., Eddie \(D\)](#)

Passed by Texas Legislature, on to Texas Governor: On May 29, the House amended version of SB 705 was passed by the Senate. Record not yet published.

Click [here](#) to read our original summary of SB 705 in Issue 11 of the *Austin Newsletter*.

TFB **supports** SB 705. (TFB 2021 Policy: Livestock 120, Pages 15-16, Lines 88-91).

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