



# AUSTIN NEWSLETTER

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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.

## Action Alert Right to Farm up for House Floor Vote!

HJR 126 by Burns, HB 1750 by Burns, and HB 2308 by Ashby have all been placed on the House Calendar for a floor vote on Monday, April 10.

We need your grassroots action!

HJR 126 is the "Constitutional Right to Farm." It will protect the day-to-day practices used by agricultural producers in the Texas Constitution. It will protect you from regulatory overreach of state agencies or local governments. It will protect you from a future legislature passing laws to dictate how you farm and ranch. It will protect you from activist groups that want to dictate how you farm and ranch. [Click here to learn more.](#)

HB 1750 is the "Right to Farm in the City." It protects agricultural producers from city zoning and regulations that prohibit or restrict farming or ranching when there is no real threat to public safety. [Click here to learn more.](#)

HB 2308 is the "Right to Farm Protection from Frivolous Lawsuits." It protects pre-existing agricultural operations from frivolous nuisance claims. [Click here to learn more.](#)

It is CRITICAL that you contact your state representative NOW! The Texas House will be out of session on Good Friday and will not return until Monday. **To be effective, please make contact no later than Thursday, April 6.**

Please ask them to support all three of these pieces of legislation. For HJR 126 to pass, it must receive 100 votes to pass since it is a constitutional amendment.

[Click here to take action today!](#)

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## Update on Previously Reported Bills

**HB 9:** Relating to the development and funding of broadband and telecommunications services; making an appropriation.

[Ashby, Trent \(R\)](#)

HB 9 was summarized in [a previous edition of the Austin Newsletter](#).

### Update:

HB 9 was voted favorably out of the Committee on State Affairs with a vote of 12-0.

TFB **supports** the bill. (TFB Policy: Utilities Section 148, Page 53, Lines 50-53)

**HJR 125:** Proposing a constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of broadband and telecommunications services projects in the state.

[Ashby, Trent \(R\)](#)

HJR 125 was summarized in [a previous edition of the Austin Newsletter](#).

### Update:

HJR 125 was voted favorably out of the Committee on State Affairs with a vote of 12-0.

TFB **supports** the joint resolution. (TFB Policy: Utilities Section 148, Page 53, Lines 50-53)

**HB 2127:** Relating to state preemption of certain municipal and county regulations.

[Burrows, Dustin \(R\)](#)

HB 2127 was summarized in [a previous edition of the Austin Newsletter](#).

### Update:

HB 2127 was voted favorably out of the Committee on State Affairs with a vote of 8-4.

TFB **supports** the bill. (TFB Policy: Agricultural Chemicals Section 136, Page 29, Lines 93-95; Feed and Fertilizer Law Section 137, Page 31, Lines 48- 49; Cities Section 171 Page 104, Lines 7-12; Cities Section 171, Page 104, Lines 19- 21; Cities Section 171, Page 105, Lines 43-47)

**[HB 4872](#)**: Relating to the protection of aquaculture operations.

[Rogers, Glenn \(R\)](#)

HB 4872 was summarized in [a previous edition of the Austin Newsletter](#).

**Update:**

HB 4872 was voted favorably out of the Committee on House Natural Resources with a vote of 8-0.

TFB **supports** the bill. (TFB Policy: Water Quality Section 156, Page 82, Lines 32-24)

**[SB 28](#)**: Relating to financial assistance provided and programs administered by the Texas Water Development Board.

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

SB 28 was summarized in [a previous edition of the Austin Newsletter](#).

**Update:**

SB 28 successfully passed out of the Senate with a vote 31-0. The bill will now go over to the House to be considered for a committee hearing.

TFB **supports** the bill. (TFB Policy: Water Management Section 155, Page 79, Lines 46-48; Water Management Section 155, Page 80, Lines 136-138)

**[SB 1421](#)**: Relating to the effect of nuisance actions, other actions, and governmental requirements on certain agricultural operations.

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

SB 1421 is the Senate version of the Right to Farm legislation. It was summarized in [a previous edition of the Austin Newsletter](#).

**Update:**

SB 1421 successfully passed out of the Senate with a vote of 31-0. The bill will now go over to the House to be considered for a committee hearing.

TFB **supports** the bill. (TFB Policy: Real Property Rights Section 150, Page 58, Lines 2-5; Real Property Rights Section 150, Page 59, Lines 27-31; Real Property Rights Section 150, Page 60, Lines 107-108; Real Property Rights Section 150, Page 61, Lines 153-154)

**[SJR 75](#)**: Proposing a constitutional amendment creating the Texas Water Fund to assist in financing water projects in this state.

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

SJR 75 was summarized in [a previous edition of the Austin Newsletter](#).

**Update:**

SJR 75 was voted favorably out of the Committee on Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs with a vote of 9-0.

TFB **supports** the bill. (TFB Policy: Water Management Section 155, Page 79, Lines 46-48; Water Management Section 155, Page 80, Lines 136-138)

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