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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.

Update on Previously Reported Bills

SB 1035 & HB 1964: Relating to equitable relief from the enforcement of certain governmental requirements that affect agricultural operations.

[Sparks, Kevin](#) / [Spiller, David](#)

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

Update:

SB 1035 was amended and passed the Texas House of Representatives with a 140-2 vote. The amendment clarifies that the bill would apply to both statutory and constitutional right to farm and ranch protections and makes it clear that attorney fees would be due to the producer upon a favorable court decision.

SB 1035 went back to the Texas Senate where they concurred with the House amendments with a 29-2 vote. SB 1035 has now passed both the House of Representatives and Senate and will be sent to the governor.

TFB supports SB 1035 and HB 1964.

TFB 2025 Policy: Real Property Rights Section 151, Page 63, Lines 30-33.

SB 767 & HB 2063: Relating to creating a database of the firefighting equipment in the state available for use in responding to wildfires.

[Sparks, Kevin](#) / [Fairly, Caroline](#)

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

Update:

SB 767 went back to the Texas Senate where they concurred with the House amendments. The amendment clarifies the definition of a fire department to include volunteer fire department or a municipality that provides firefighting services. SB 767 has now passed both the House of Representatives and Senate and will be sent to the governor.

TFB supports SB 767 and HB 2063.

TFB 2025 Policy: Rural Living Section 184, Page 125, Lines 31-39.

HB 3000: Relating to a grant program to provide financial assistance to qualified ambulance service providers in certain rural counties.

[King, Ken](#)

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

Update:

HB 3000 passed the Texas House of Representatives with a 126-12 vote. The bill now goes to the Texas Senate.

TFB supports HB 3000.

TFB 2025 Policy: Rural Living Section 184, Page 125, Lines 18-19.

SB 1754: Relating to the authority of a taxing unit to enter into an agreement to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the value of the property on which a renewable energy facility is located or is planned to be located.

[Birdwell, Brian](#)

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

Update:

SB 1754 passed the Texas Senate with a 19-12 vote. It will now go over to the Texas House of Representatives to be considered for a committee hearing.

TFB supports SB 1754.

TFB 2025 Policy: Renewable Energy Section 148, Page 56, Lines 74-75.

SB 1245 & HB 5398: Relating to the taking of certain aoudad sheep by using a helicopter.

[Blanco, Cesar](#) / [Morales, Eddie](#)

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

Update:

SB 1245 was amended and passed the Texas House of Representatives with a 140-1 vote. The amendment removed the restriction that limited the taking of aoudad sheep to west of the Pecos River. SB 1245 will now go back to the Texas Senate for them to concur with the House amendments or request a conference committee.

TFB supports SB 1245 and HB 2766.

TFB 2025 Policy: Animal Species Generally Section 121, Page 19, Lines 1-6, Page 20, Lines 61-64.

HB 2018: Relating to the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program.
[Ashby, Trent](#)

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

Update:

HB 2018 was heard in Senate Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs on May 5. Texas Farm Bureau testified in support of the bill. It was voted favorably without amendments and was recommended for the Texas Senate Local and Uncontested Calendar.

TFB supports HB 2018.

TFB 2025 Policy: Real Property Section 151, Page 63, Lines 16-20.

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