



September 3, 2019

Dear North Texas Elected Official,

The North Texas Regional Chamber Coalition (RCC) is pleased to share this Accountability Index of the 86th Legislative Session. As a coalition dedicated to advancing the vibrancy of the North Texas Region, we feel it is important to communicate with our members and other regional stakeholders as to how this critical legislative session concluded. We understand that serving in public office is not easy and often includes significant personal and professional sacrifices, and for that we thank the 50 Texas Representatives and Senators in our delegation for offering their service to our state.

Twelve recorded votes in each chamber were used to comprise this assessment. These third and final reading votes were carefully selected and approved because they represent issues that are critical to our state and region's continued success, and as such were identified as a legislative priority by the RCC and publicized at the beginning of and throughout the session. This index reflects record votes represented as a "V" for voting with RCC priorities and an "X" for voting against the priorities.

In addition to the twelve issues included in this assessment, upholding current eminent domain laws was a priority of the RCC, and we opposed Senate Bill 421 as filed. Through the committee and amendment process, the policy in this harmful bill was neutralized and ultimately died in conference. We wish to thank you for your efforts to thwart the bad policy as it was filed, and for continued vigilance in preventing any similar bills in the future.

While we do appreciate the House and the Senate for continuing to protect local non-discrimination ordinances and for making improvements to Senate Bill 1978 before passing it into law, the RCC continues to have concerns regarding the discriminatory nature and potentially harmful narrative toward the LGBTQ community. The RCC will continue to advocate for legislation which is pro-business and makes Texas a more competitive state in terms of attracting and retaining talent, and we encourage our delegation members to take the same approach as they begin to prepare for the 87th Legislative Session.

The advancement of Texas' high-speed rail initiative is critical for our sustained success as we continue to be one of the fastest growing states in the nation. The RCC would like to thank the members of the House and Senate for keeping harmful anti-high-speed rail bills from coming to a full floor vote, and we look forward to continued progress on this issue during the next session.

While the RCC did not score the recorded votes on Senate Bill 29 because it was not specifically listed as a priority of the coalition entering the session, we would like to thank those members of the House and Senate who voted against the measure and chose to not limit cities and counties from hiring third-party lobbyists or from paying dues to organizations who do engage in lobby activities.

Texas has set our nation's standard for economic prosperity and job creation for nearly two decades. The RCC deeply believes that to maintain this status Texas must avoid unnecessary, divisive issues that distract from our economic success, but instead continue to pursue ways to further prepare our current and future workforce, keep the tools in place that make us economically competitive with other states, and respect local control in the same way we expect the federal government to respect our state's rights. While this session was not perfect in those regards, aspects of the 86th Legislative Session do help move Texas into the future and the RCC remains committed to working productively with our delegation in tackling those critical issues that we must still address.

Sincerely,

Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce
Cedar Hill Chamber
Dallas Regional Chamber
Fort Worth Chamber
Frisco Chamber
Granbury Chamber
Greater Arlington Chamber
Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber
Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber
Hurst Euless Bedford Chamber
Irving Hispanic Chamber
McKinney Chamber
North Dallas Chamber
North Texas Commission
North Texas LGBT Chamber
Northwest Metroport Chamber
Plano Chamber
Richardson Chamber
Rowlett Chamber
The Colony Chamber
Waxahachie Chamber

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North Texas Delegation

The North Texas Regional Chamber Coalition (RCC) thanks the members of the 86th Legislature for a successful session that focused on enhancing resources for public education, crafting a state budget that invests wisely in the areas critical to our continued success, and prioritized measures necessary to keep Texas the economic envy of the rest of the nation. The RCC is pleased to share this Accountability Index of the 86th Legislative Session to communicate with our members and other regional stakeholders as to how this critical legislative session concluded. We understand that serving in public office is not easy and often includes significant personal and professional sacrifices, and for that we thank the 50 Texas Representatives and Senators in our delegation for offering their service to our state.

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BILL INDEX

- **HB 1** - Funding Texas growth and critical NTX priorities in the State Budget (Support, SPG 3917, HPG 6157)
- **SB 2** - Preserving local government budgetary control (Oppose, SPG 3581, HPG 5969)
- **HB 3** - Updates to school funding system in Texas to include funding for full-day pre-K (Support, SPG 6139, HPG 1941)
- **HB 3143** - Continuation of 312 economic development agreements (Support, SPG 2250, HPG 2458)
- **SB 962** - Ten year extension of the Prop 1 system of funding for highway construction (Support, SPG 892, HPG 3985)
- **HB 2830** - Increasing the number of design build projects TxDOT may enter into at one time (Support, SPG 2296, HPG 2258)
- **SB 25** - Increasing the transfer of college credits between public institutions (Support, SPG 3155, HPG 4280)
- **SB 1276** - Improving K-12 and Higher Education consistency in Dual Credit Courses (Support, SPG 876, HPG 3764)
- **SB 11** - Creating the Texas Child Mental Healthcare Consortium (Support, SPG 3916, HPG 6294)
- **HB 2048** - Establishing a stable source of state funding for trauma and emergency health care systems (Support, SPG 1944, HPG 2670)
- **SB 943** - Increasing access to public information w/o creating burdensome requirements on private businesses (Support, SPG 2718, HPG 4060)
- **SB 1978** - Infringing on municipal control for non-discriminatory policies (Oppose, SPG 3143, HPG 4241)

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