



## 87<sup>th</sup> Session of Texas Legislature ... *Bill Watch Lists*

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BILL & AUTHOR	DESCRIPTION	ANALYSIS	STATUS	COMMENTS
<p><b>HB 60 (Reynolds)</b> 11.9.20</p> <p><b>HB 731 (Jessica Gonzalez)</b> 12.3.20</p>	<p>Relating to the minimum wage. <i>This bill would raise the minimum wage in Texas to \$15.00/hour</i></p>	<p>The last change occurred in 2008 from \$6.25 to \$7.25. The federal minimum wage is \$7.25.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Under the Labor code Section 62.0515: Application of minimum wage to certain governmental entities, the increase of minimum wage <i>does not</i> include contracts or agreements.</li> <li>▪ Section 62.0523- Cost of meals or lodging: pertaining to recreational camps.</li> <li>▪ Section 62.057- Patients and Clients of Texas department of mental health and mental retardation- TR's</li> <li>▪ Section 62.152- Employment by religious, educational, charitable, or nonprofit organizations</li> <li>▪ Section 62.154- Domestic employment</li> <li>▪ Section 62.155- Employment of certain youths and students</li> <li>▪ Section 62.158-Certain amusement and recreation establishments</li> <li>▪ Section 62.159- Certain employers not contributing to unemployment compensation fund.</li> </ul> <p><i>The increase of minimum wage to \$15.00/hour would impact Parks and Recreation Departments as budgets would have to increase for employee salaries.</i></p>	<p><b>House:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>International Relations &amp; Economic Development</i> (2.25.21 &amp; 3.1.21)</li> </ul> <p><b>Senate:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<p><b>HB 72 (Reynolds)</b> 11.9.20</p>	<p>Relating to the power of certain counties to enact certain <b>park use rules</b>. This bill relates to the power of certain counties to enact park use rules. It allows a county of the size and location specified in the amendment to collect fines for Class C misdemeanor violations of park rules. Travis County does not meet the location requirement of this bill and therefore will not receive the law enforcement or revenue benefits if passed.</p>	<p><i>Travis County recommends submitting a substitute bill which does not have an adjacency requirement but does extend this authority to counties with a population of 500,000 or more.</i></p>	<p><b>House:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>County Affairs</i> 2.25.21</li> </ul> <p><b>Senate:</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONITOR</b></p>

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<b>HB 188 (Bernal) and SB 233 (Whitmire)</b> 12.7.20	<p>Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression or behavior, regardless of whether that identity, appearance, expression or behavior is different from that commonly associated with the individual's actual or perceived sex assigned or designated at birth. ... providing an administrative penalty.</p> <p>(4) "Public accommodation" means a business or other entity that offers to the public food, shelter, recreation or amusement, or any other goods, service, privilege, facility or accommodate</p>	<p><i>This bill would establish a new civil action against a person who commits a discriminatory practice based on the claimant's gender, identity or expression or sexual orientation. This impacts Parks and Recreation's recruitment and selection of employees and contractors. Contractors can also be held liable.</i></p>	<p>House:            ▪ <b>State Affairs</b> 2.25.21</p> <p>Senate:            ▪ <b>State Affairs</b> 3.3.21</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<b>HB 222 (Murr)</b> 11.9.21	<p><b>Relating to liability of burn bosses in connection with certain prescribed burns.</b>            Provides that a burn boss is not liable for property damage, personal injury, or death caused by or resulting from the burn in excess of the insurance requirements if the burn boss has completed an accredited prescribed burning training course approved by the board and satisfied the board's experience requirements. It does not apply to a burn boss who commits gross negligence or intentionally causes property damage or harm.</p>	<p><i>This bill would establish a limit to the liability incurred by a 'burn boss,' an individual responsible for directing a prescribed burn under a written prescription plan, in the case that they have the legal training, experience, and plan. This may impact nature parks who conducted prescribed burns.</i></p>	<p>House:            ▪ <b>Agriculture &amp; Livestock</b> 2.25.21            Public Hearing &amp; Testimony (3.11.21) ... <i>left pending in committee.</i></p> <p>Senate:</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<b>HB 298 (Zwiener)</b> 11.9.21	<p><b>Relating to regulation of outdoor lighting by certain municipalities; creating a criminal offense.</b>            A municipality that has received or applied for an International Day Sky Community Designation by ordinance may regulate the installation and use of outdoor lighting in the municipality and the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction. A person who violates an adopted ordinance could receive a Class C misdemeanor.</p>	<p><i>This bill will apply to municipalities that have an international Dark Sky Community designation (or has applied for one), creating a criminal offense for violating city laws regarding outdoor lighting. Current law allows for regulation of outdoor lighting in areas near a major astronomical observatory. There are five such communities in Texas: Dripping Springs, Fredericksburg, Horseshoe Bay, Lakewood Village, and Wimberly Valley.</i></p> <p><b>Sponsor office</b> – looking to the future growth of the 5 dark skies communities (4/5 of them are in fast growing areas). Want to be able to enforce lighting in ETJs. Currently not an issue but want to prevent it as businesses move into the areas.</p>	<p>House:            ▪ <b>Urban Affairs</b> 2.25.21            ▪ Scheduled for public hearing 3.17.21</p> <p>Senate:</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<b>HB 383 (Pacheco)</b> 11.9.20	<p>Relating to the <b>minimum wage.</b></p>	<p><i>This bill would raise the minimum wage in Texas to \$12.00/hour. The last change occurred in 2008 from \$6.25 to \$7.25. The federal minimum wage is \$7.25. The increase of minimum wage to \$12.00/hour would impact Parks and Recreation Departments as budgets would have to increase for employee salaries.</i></p>	<p>House:            ▪ <b>International Relations &amp; Economic Dev.</b> 2.25.21</p> <p>Senate:</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>

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<p><b>HB 409 (Cortez/ Pacheco/Campos/ Lopez)</b> 11.9.20</p>	<p>Relating to <b>waivers for entrance fees to state parks and certain hunting and fishing license fees for resident first responders</b>.</p> <p>HB 409 would waive the <u>park entrance fee, a resident fishing license fee and requirement, and the annual combination resident hunting and fishing license fee</u> for a first responder who has completed at least 20 years of continuous service as a first responder or has a disability connected to service as a first responder that consists of the loss of the use of a lower extremity or of a 50% or more disability rating. A first responder would include a firefighter; a certified emergency medical services personnel; a municipal police officer; a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or reserve deputy sheriff; or a constable, deputy constable, or reserve deputy constable.</p>	<p><i>This bill would waive entrance fees to state parks and for an annual combination hunting/fishing license for certain residents that are long-serving or disabled (50% or more) first responders (police and fire). This would only apply to state parks, not municipal or county parks.</i></p>	<p>House: ▪ <b>Culture, Recreation &amp; Tourism</b> 2.25.21</p> <p>Senate:</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<p><b>HB 520 (Beckley)</b> 11.10.20</p>	<p>Relating to the regulation by the Texas Department of Transportation of right-of-way landscaping installed by utilities.</p> <p><b>Bee Kind to Pollinators Bill ...</b> would seek to remedy the damage done through destruction and placement of utility lines by requiring a utility that disturbs the right-of-way of a Texas state highway while constructing or maintaining a utility facility to plant native pollinator-friendly seed.</p>	<p><i>The State of Texas has already determined that the health of the Western Honey Bee population is critical to the future of Texas and the health of our economy. The honey bee plays an essential role in the pollination of at least 90 commercially grown crops and 75% of all fruits, nuts, and vegetables, contributing more than \$15 billion to the American economy every year. We understand that the utility companies cannot replace the trees as they pose a risk to the utility lines - which is why there is no requirement for tree replacement, just loss of plant life replacement. This bill ensures that Texas wildlife continues to flourish and helps preserve the essential jobs of our Texas bees. Honey bees are not only threatened by habitat loss, but also pesticides, mites, and climate change. During the winter freeze that we experienced in Texas in February - beekeepers say that many bees were killed off. Jerry Stroope with Stroope Honey Farms estimated that he lost about 30% of his bee colonies this winter from the freeze and from a phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder. My bill, HB520, would help create habitats for pollinators like bees and butterflies along state highways.</i></p> <p><i>Luke Metzger, Environment Texas, has said that HB520 is "a really smart way to expand habitat for pollinators." He also said, "pollinators are losing the food and nesting sites that are necessary for their survival; and so planting more habitat along our highways is a good way to help protect pollinators."</i></p>	<p>House: ▪ <b>Transportation</b> 3.1.21 Public Hearing 3.23.21 ... <i>left pending in committee.</i></p> <p>Senate:</p>	
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<p><b>HB 749 (Middleton)</b> 12.7.20</p> <p><b>SB 10 (Bettencourt, Birdwell, Campbell, Creighton, Hall, Hancock, Hughes, Paxton, Perry, Springer)</b> 3.10.21</p> <p><b>SB 234 (Hall)</b> 12.8.20</p>	<p><b>Community Censorship:</b> would: (1) prohibit a political subdivision from spending public funds to: (a) hire an individual required to register as a lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying a member of the Texas legislature; or (b) pay a nonprofit state association or organization that: (i) primarily represents political subdivisions; and (ii) hires or contracts with an individual required to register as a lobbyist; (2) provide that if a political subdivision engages in activity prohibited by (1), above, a taxpayer or resident of the political subdivision is entitled to injunctive relief to prevent any further prohibited activity or any further payments of public funds; and (3) provide that a taxpayer or resident who prevails in an action under (2), above, is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the political subdivision</p>	<p><i>This bill relates to how governmental entities use public funds for lobbying purposes, specifically relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities. HB 749 would ban the practice of allowing cities to hire professional advocates to represent their communities in Austin. This impacts parks and recreation departments because funds that would be available in the general fund may have been used for lobbying purposes. As a result, more funds would be available in the general fund.</i></p> <p><i>However, it could also mean that parks and recreation would no longer benefit from having a lobbyist at the Capitol, who could keep one apprised of bill action and progress that could/would impact parks and recreation.</i></p>	<p>House:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State Affairs</b> 3.1.21</li> <li>• Scheduled Public Hearing 3.25.21</li> </ul> </p> <p>Senate:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Government</b> 3.11.21</li> <li>• <b>State Affairs</b> 3.3.21</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<p><b>HB 938 (Raymond)</b> 1.4.21</p>	<p><b>Relating to an election in certain municipalities to convert all or a portion of a sales and use tax originally adopted for the purpose of sports and community venues to a sale and use tax for economic development purposes.</b></p>	<p><i>This bill is a bracketed to apply to municipalities over 200,000 that also border the United States-Mexico border (El Paso).</i></p> <p><b>Will reach out to El Paso to gauge the impact.</b></p>	<p>House:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ways &amp; Means</b> 3.1.21</li> </ul> </p> <p>Senate:</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<p><b>HB 950 (Raymond)</b> 1.4.21</p>	<p><b>Relating to the conversion of all or a portion of a municipal sales and use tax originally adopted for the purpose of sports and community venues to a municipal sale and use tax for economic development purposes.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted as "good" by TML</li> </ul>	<p>House:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Ways &amp; Means</b> 3.1.21</li> </ul> </p> <p>Senate:</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<p><b>HB 1048 (Anchia)</b> 1.11.21</p>	<p><b>Relating to the financing of certain sports and community venue projects.</b>  OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1: Section 334.008 Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows: (c) To the extent that a provision of this chapter, including Section [Sections] 334.024(f), [334.1015 and 334.2515] applies to venue project that is a municipal parks and recreation system or facility, the provision applies [those provisions apply] to a venue project authorized by this section, and references to.</p>	<p><i>This bill relates to financing of certain sports and community venue projects. This would impact Parks and Recreation because it would authorize local hotel occupancy taxes as well as short-term motor vehicle rental tax associated with a venue project, to be used to finance a venue project expenditure relating to a city parks and recreation system.</i></p> <p><b>** After speaking with Zion from Rep. Anchia's office, this bill is targeted by Rep Anchia to apply directly to Fair Park in the Dallas area. They do not anticipate statewide impact. This can be marked as 'monitor.' **.</b></p>	<p>House:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>International Relations &amp; Economic Dev.</b> 3.4.21</li> </ul> </p> <p>Senate:</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b> (specific focus)</p>

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<b>HB 1143 (Ramos)</b> 1.15.21	<p>Relating to the <b>publication of pathogen-related fresh-water data</b> by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.</p> <p>OF FRESH WATER DATA. The commission shall publish on the commission's Internet website data from available monitoring data and assessment results related to pathogens and pathogen indicators in lakes, bays, springs rivers, streams, creeks, inlets and other bodies of fresh water commonly used for swimming, fishing or other recreation. SECTION @. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.</p>	<p><i>This bill relates to the publication of pathogen-related fresh-water data by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This impacts Parks and Recreation because internet website access would allow for Parks and Recreation Departments to keep track of pathogens within freshwater areas that are used by citizens for everyday recreation. The digital tracking can ensure the safety for all and keep our freshwater areas preserved for future use.</i></p> <p><b>Research a bit more.</b></p>	<p>House:            ▪ <b>Natural Resources</b>            3.4.21</p> <p>Senate:</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<b>HB 1341 (Leach)</b> 1.25.21	<p>Relating to waivers for entrance fees to state parks (TPWD) for resident first responders, military service members, and veterans.</p>	<p><i>This bill would waive entrance fees to state parks for Texas residents that are 'first responders' (certified firefighter and EMS, municipal police officer, sheriff/deputy, and constable/deputy. It also would amend language that allows disabled veterans to receive a state parklands passport to include active duty and veterans of US military, Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, and Texas State Guard. This would only apply to state parks, not municipal or county parks.</i></p>	<p>House:            ▪ <b>Culture, Recreation &amp; Tourism</b> 3.5.21            Public Hearing 3.15.21  <i>Left pending in comm.</i>            3.15.21</p> <p>Senate:</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<b>HB 1478 (Cyrier)</b> 1.29.21	<p><b>Liability for Recreational Vehicle Parks:</b> would provide that: (1) a recreational vehicle park (RV park) or campground is liable for an injury proximately caused by: (a) the RV park or campground entity's negligence evidencing a disregard for the safety of the RV park or campground participant; (b) a potentially dangerous condition on the land, facilities, or equipment used in the activity, of which the RV park or campground entity had actual knowledge or reasonably should have known; or (c) the RV park or campground entity's failure to train or improper training of an employee of the RV park or campground entity actively involved in a RV park or campground activity; (2) a RV park or campground is liable for an injury intentionally caused by the RV park or campground entity; and (3) other than as provided in (1) and (2), above, a RV park or campground entity is not liable to any person for a RV park or campground participant injury or damages arising out of a RV park or campground participant injury if, at the time of the RV park or campground activity from which the injury arises, the required warning sign regarding the RV park or campground's limited liability was posted.</p>	<p><i>This bill would make it so that RV Parks and Campgrounds must post a sign with the language contained in the bill in order to avoid liability for injury or death to a participant resulting from a regular RV park or campground activity</i></p>	<p>House:            ▪ <b>Judiciary &amp; Civil Jurisprudence</b> 3.5.21            Public Hearing 3.24.21</p> <p>Senate:</p>	<p><b>MONITOR ... possible move to SUPPORT</b></p>

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<p><b>HB 1615 (Cyrier)</b> 2.5.21</p> <p><b>SB 700 (Buckingham, Hall, Lucio, Paxton)</b> 2.9.21</p>	<p>Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. ... <i>TPWD Sunset bill</i></p>	<p><i>This bill continues the functions of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for 12 more years (2033). No negative impacts to monitor.</i></p>	<p><b>House:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Culture, Recreation &amp; Tourism</b> 3.9.21</li> </ul> <p><b>Senate:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Natural Resources &amp; Economic Dev.</b> 3.11.21</li> </ul> <p>Public Hearing 3.25.21 <i>Left pending in comm.</i> 3.25.21</p>	<p><b>MONITOR</b></p>
<p><b>HB 1676 (Goodwin)</b> (Cole &amp; Howard) 2.8.21</p>	<p><b>Child Water Safety Requirements:</b> would: (1) provide that an organization, including a school, preschool, kindergarten, nursery school, or day camp or youth camp that takes a child in its care or under its supervision to a body of water (including a pool) or otherwise allows a child access to a body of water shall: (a) determine whether the child is able to swim or is at risk when swimming; and (b) if the organization does not own or operate the body of water, provide the owner or operator of the body of water a written or electronic disclosure that clearly identifies each child who is unable to swim or is at risk when swimming; and (2) require the organization, during the time each child who is unable to swim or is at risk when swimming has access to a body of water, to: (a) provide the child an approved personal flotation device; and (b) ensure the child is wearing the appropriate personal flotation device and the device is properly fitted for the child.</p>	<p><i>This bill would place responsibility for determining whether or not a child needs a personal flotation device (PFT) on the school, preschool, kinder, nursery, or day camp when utilizing a body of water that they do not operate.</i></p> <p>Colin's Hope assisted with crafting the proposed bill. <u>Intent was to put the onus on the organization/group utilizing pool and to give support to the delivery system/agency.</u></p> <p><b>Reach out to the Texas Public Pool Council</b> Still awaiting response from TPPC</p>	<p><b>House:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Public Health</b> 3.9.21</li> </ul> <p>Public Hearing 3.31.21</p> <p><b>Senate:</b></p>	<p><b>MONITOR w/SUPPORT</b></p>
<p><b>HB 1683 (Landgraf/Guillen/Ellzey)</b> 2.8.21</p> <p><b>SB1734 (Springer)</b> 3.11.21</p>	<p>To prohibit state agencies and political subdivisions from interacting with the federal government to enforce federal oil and gas regulations if those rules don't exist under Texas law.</p>	<p><i>The City's interpretation of HB 1683 would deny all state grant funding to any political subdivision that would promote or support a federal agency in taking an action that would have the effect of prohibiting an oil and gas activity (like a new pipeline). If the bill passed, and a new action like a pipeline happened in the future, Austin would be forced to either meet our permit obligations and share data with the USFWS at the cost of all state grant funding to the City, or potentially be out of compliance with our permit for Barton Springs.</i></p> <p>Steve Patton contacted bill sponsor, who noted: "There is nothing in the language that would force the city to not comply with federal permits. The bill prohibits cities from providing "assistance to a federal agency or official with respect to the enforcement of a federal statute" to regulate oil and gas operations that does not exist in state law. The bill prohibits enforcement, not compliance.</p> <p>If I comply with the speed limit, there is no need for a law enforcement officer to enforce compliance. If Austin is complying, and not assisting the federal government with enforcement of noncompliance, there is no issue here."</p>	<p><b>House:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Energy Resources</b> 3.9.21</li> </ul> <p>Public Hearing &amp; Testimony 3.22.21 ... left pending in comm.</p> <p><b>Senate:</b></p>	

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<b>HB 1925</b> (Capriglione, Harless, Slawson, Gerren, P. King) 2.25.21	Relating to <b>prohibitions on camping in a public place</b> ; creating a criminal offense	<i>(check with TS) new grounds and possible loss of funding</i>	House: ▪ <b>State Affairs</b> 3.15.21 Public Hearing 3.25.21  Senate:	<b>MONITOR</b>
<b>HB 2159</b>	Relating to a study of state land including state parks "to facilitate health and wellness for veterans)	<i>Not Scheduled Yet</i>		
<b>HB 2205</b> (Romero) 2.24.21	Relating to applicability of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code to certain pools, spas, and other swimming areas.	<i>An effort to amend the <b>Texas Health and Safety Code</b> ... to utilizes the International Code as the standard in Texas for municipalities. Notes that a municipality must adhere to code equal to or greater than the Virginia Graham Baker Pool and Spa Safety act <b>and</b> the International code (no later than the May 2019 version) ... "designed to prevent drownings". <b>Contact TPPC</b> Still awaiting response from TPPC</i>	House: ▪ <b>Urban Affairs</b> 3.15.21  Senate:	<b>MONITOR</b>
<b>HB 2473</b> (A. Johnson) 3.1.21  <b>SB 1452</b> (Alvarado) 3.10.21	Relating to the <b>licensing and regulation of music therapists</b> ; requiring an occupational license; authorizing fees.	<i>Interest of TR Branch ... WATCH</i>	House: ▪ <b>Public Health</b> 3.16.21  Senate:	<b>MONITOR</b>
<b>HB 3223</b> (Zwiener) 3.8.21  <b>SB 1469</b> (Buckingham) 3.10.21	Relating to the use by certain municipalities of <b>municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue (HOT tax)</b> for the enhancement and maintenance of public parks.	<i>This bill would allow agencies to utilize HOT funds for enhancement and maintenance of public parks.  Sponsor office – brought forward by Dripping Springs, Fredericksburg, Buda but also expanded to include Lubbock. Would apply to any City under 200,000 + Lubbock. The Hotel &amp; Lobby Association is okay with this as long as it does not change to include any larger cities. Referred to Ways and Means (likely will be heard the week of March 29)</i>	House: ▪ <b>Ways &amp; Means</b> 3.19.21  Senate: ▪ <b>Natural Resources &amp; Economic Dev.</b> 3.24.21	<b>MONITOR</b>
<b>HB 3779</b> (Holland, Guillen) 3.11.21  <b>SB 934</b> (Creighton) 3.2.21	Relating to an <b>exemption from sales and use taxes for firearms and hunting supplies</b> for a limited period ...	<i>Establishes a sales tax holiday for firearms and ammunitions (a big part of the SGST)</i>	House: ▪ <b>Ways &amp; Means</b> 3.22.21  Senate: ▪ <b>Finance</b> 3.11.21	<b>OPPOSE</b> <i>Against TRAPS Platform</i>

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<a href="#">HB 4499</a> (Zwiener) 3.12.21	Relating to a <b>study</b> of the feasibility of establishing a <b>regional connected trails program</b> .	<i>Directs TPWD to conduct a study re: connected trails across the state, consulting with TXDOT, Tx Historical Commission, fed land management agencies, counties and municipalities who maintain parks with relevant trails.</i>	House: • <b>Culture, Recreation &amp; Tourism</b> 3.29.21  Senate:	<b>MONITOR</b>
<b>SB 7</b> (Hughes, Bettencourt, Birdwell, Buckingham, Campbell, Creighton, Hall, Kolkhorst, Nelson, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, Springer) 3.11.21	Relating to elections, including election integrity and security; creating a criminal offense; providing civil penalties. <i>... SEC 2.04 code ... voting rights for individuals with disabilities</i>	<i>Potentially adds barriers to voting for persons with disabilities.</i>	House:  Senate: • <b>State Affairs</b> 3.11.21 Public hearing 3.26.21	<b>MONITOR</b> <i>TR Branch is watching</i>
<b>SB 365</b> (Miles) 1.15.21	Relating to the applications for permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain new or expanded facilities in certain low-income and minority communities. may include on-site and off-site improvements, activities, and programs, including funding for activities such as: (1) providing environmental education; (2) reducing diesel pollution; (3) constructing bicycle and pedestrian trails; (4) staffing parks; (5) supporting and promoting urban forestry; (6)	<i>This bill relates to permitting for new and expanded facilities in low-income and minority communities. This impacts parks and recreation because funding could be available for activities such as providing environmental education, reducing diesel pollution, constructing bicycle and pedestrian trails, staffing parks, supporting, and promoting urban forestry, supporting and promoting community gardens, and providing for any negotiated benefit to the environment in the environmental justice community. "Environmental Justice Community" ... requires public input process re: need and community benefits.</i>	Senate: <b>Natural Resources &amp; Economic Development</b> 3.9.21  House:	<b>MONITOR W/ SUPPORT</b>
<b>SB 465</b> (Paxton, Blanco) 1.26.21	Relating to a waiver of certain state park fees for certain disabled veterans.	<i>This bill would amend Section 13.018(a) of the Parks and Wildlife Code to remove the requirement that a disabled veteran who is eligible to receive a state parklands passport have a disability defined by the loss of use of a lower extremity or of a 60% disability rating. The veteran would just need to have a service-connected disability as defined by the Veterans' Administration.</i>	Senate: • <b>Vet Affairs &amp; Border Security</b> 3.9.21  House:	<b>MONITOR</b>