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TEXAS ALLIANCE OF GROUNDWATER DISTRICTS

# TEXAS GROUNDWATER SUMMIT

## The 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

### Legislative Debrief Panel

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# TAGD Positions

Over 7,600 bills filed

135 bills tracked by TAGD

20 Actionable Groundwater Bills

Supported 9 bills

Opposed 7 bills

Neutral on 4 bills

# Groundwater Bills that Passed

- **HB 1066**
- **HB 722**
- **SB 1041**
- **HB 720**
- **HB 721**

# What Passed – GCD Permitting

## HB 1066

Relating to extensions of an expired permit for the transfer of groundwater from a groundwater conservation district. *Effective 9- 1-19*

# What Passed – Brackish

## **HB 722**

Relating to the development of brackish groundwater. *Effective 9-1-19*

## **SB 1041**

Relating to the deadline by which the Texas Water Development Board is required to identify and designate brackish groundwater production zones for certain areas of the state. *Effective 9-1-19*

# What Passed – ASR & MAR

## HB 720

Relating to appropriations of water for use in aquifer storage and recovery projects. *Effective 6-10-19*

## HB 721

Relating to the duty of the Texas Water Development Board to conduct studies of and prepare and submit reports on aquifer storage and recovery. *Effective 6-14-19*

***A few other highlights  
worth mentioning...***

# What Passed – Public Meetings

## HB 2840

Relating to the right of a member of the public to address the governing body of a political subdivision at an open meeting of the body. *Effective 9- 1-19*



# What Passed – Disclosure

## **HB 3001**

Relating to the fiscal transparency of special purpose districts and other political subdivisions. *Effective 9-1-19*

## **HB 1495**

Relating to authorization for the creation of a county ethics commission in certain counties. *Effective 6-14-19*

# What Passed - Property Tax

## SB 2

Relating to ad valorem taxation. *Effective 1-1-2020 (certain sections with separate effective dates)*

# What Didn't Pass

- **Similar Rules: SB 1010**
- **De Novo Review: SB 2027**
- **Attorney's Fees: HB 2125, SB 851**
- **Service Area: HB 2122 & HB 2149**
- **Omnibus: HB 726, CSHB 726**
- **Study of SW/GW Interaction: HB 4570**

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# Questions?

