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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?