

SECURE THE GRID BILL REVIEW 05/10/2025

***HB 3809 by Darby-** (SB1824 by Schwertner)- relating to the removal of battery energy storage facilities. **Stage 5.** **HB 3809 has been passed out of the Senate as amended. Now will be scheduled for the Conference Committee for debate.**

***CSSB 75 by Hall et al.** (HB941 by Cain)- relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities, addressing 16 critical infrastructure sectors. **Stage 4.** **Passed out of State Affairs Committee as substituted. Placed on General State Calendar. Waiting to be heard on House floor. A one-pager in support of the Bill and will be delivered to all members of the House prior to the hearing.**

***C.S.S.B. 1789 by Schwertner** (HB 4627 by McQueeny)- relating to electric service quality and reliability. **Stage 4.** **Placed on General State Calendar 5/16/2025**

***SB 6 by King/Schwertner-** (Lt. Gov Patrick's Priority Bill)- relating to electricity planning and infrastructure costs for large loads. **Stage 3** Engrossed. **Hearing scheduled in State Affairs Committee on 5/7/2025. Reported favorably s substituted out of Committee on 5/16/2025.**

***SB 1535 by Zaffirini, Parker-** relating to the establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of an advanced nuclear energy workforce development program. **Stage 3,** Engrossed. **Scheduled for hearing in State Affairs Committee on 5/5/2025. Reported favorably out of Committee and sent to Calendars on 5/14/2025.**

SB 388 by King et al.- relating to legislature's goals for electric generation capacity in this state. - 50% of the megawatts of generating capacity installed in the ERCOT power region after January 1, 2026, issuing dispatchable generation credits, monitor cybersecurity preparedness of municipalities. **Stage 3,** Engrossed. **Referred to the State Affairs Committee for a hearing on 4/22/2025**

SB 2148 by Hall- relating to the reliability of the electricity supply chain, simulating a tabletop exercise conducted to identify roles and responsibilities of a threat, or actual attack on a critical facility. **Stage 3,** Engrossed. **Referred to the State Affairs Committee for a hearing on 4/17/2025. Reported favorably w/o amendment on 5/15/2025.**

C.S.S.B 819 by Kolkhorst et al.- relating to renewable energy generation facilities: authorizing fees, disincentivizing. **Stage 3,** Engrossed. **Referred to the State Affairs Committee for a hearing on 4/22/2025**

SB 231 by King et al.- relating to temporary emergency electric energy facilities; reliability.

Stage 3, Engrossed. Referred to the State Affairs Committee on 4/22/2025. Scheduled for a public hearing on 5/12/2025. Please contact members of the State Affairs Committee in support of SB 231. Enter written testimony in support. Reported favorably out of Committee on 5/15/2025, sent to Calendars.

C.S.H.B 14 by Harris et al (SB 2060 by Parker)- relating to support for the development of nuclear energy. **Stage 3**, Engrossed. Referred to Business & Commerce Committee on 4/24/2025- impacting Reliability. Bill was left pending in the Business and Commerce Committee. Bill needs to be voted out of Committee.

HB 3125 by Guerra et al- relating to establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of a geothermal energy workforce education and training initiative- meeting energy demands. **Stage 3** Engrossed, voted out of the House. Received from House on 4/23/2025 and needs referral to Business & Commerce Committee. Business and Commerce Committee Chairman and Legislative Director/ Committee Clerk need to be contacted to encourage a public hearing on HB 3125.

HB 3228 by Lambert (SB 2657 by Perry)- relating to the inclusion of recycling or disposal provisions in certain lease agreements of wind or solar power facilities. **Stage 3**, Engrossed. Received from the House and referred to Business & Commerce on 4/29/2025. HB 3228 is being heard in B & C for public testimony on 5/13/2025. Committee report distributed on 5/15/2025.

SB 715 by Sparks (**HB 3356 by Patterson**)- relating to the applicability of certain reliability requirements-disincentivizing of wind and solar. **Stage 3**, Engrossed. Passed by the Senate and needs to be heard in House State Affairs Committee. House report sent to Calendars on 4/29/2025.

HB 3824 by King (SB 1825 by Schwertner)- relating to fire safety standards and emergency operations plans for the operation of battery energy storage. **Stage 3**, Engrossed. Voted out of House referred to Business & Commerce 5/16/2025.

S.B. 1754 by Birdwell et al.- 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 property on which a renewable energy facility is located or is planned to be located. **Stage 3**, Engrossed. Received from the Senate and referred to be heard in Ways and Means Committee 5/2/2025.

HB 5568 by Darby- relating to geothermal energy conservation wells, **Stage 2**- Voted out of State Affairs Committee as substituted, heading to the House Floor. Placed on General State Calendar 5/15/2025.

C.S.H.B. 1710 by Landgraf- relating to the issuance of a certificate of convenience or necessity for a facility to import or export power into or out of ERCOT power region- impacting Reliability. **Stage 2.** Hearing on House floor has been postponed, indefinitely.

SB 1978 by Hall- relating to the interconnection of a facility in the ERCOT power region to a facility outside the power region, limits Federal jurisdiction. **Grade 2.** Left in Business & Committee pending 4/22/2025. Reported favorably out of Committee as substituted on 5/16/2025.

HB 1378 by Virdell- relating to municipal and county regulation of certain energy storage- Grade 1.5. Left pending in State Affairs Committee on 4/30/2025. Needs to be voted out of Committee.

The Following Bills are at Stage 1 and need their initial Committee hearing in Business and Commerce for Senate Bills and State Affairs for House Bills:

HB 3017 by Money- relating to imposing an additional franchise tax on certain solar and wind producers. Grade 1. referred to Ways and Means Committee on 3/20//2025

SB 714 by Sparks (HB 3374 by Patterson) -relating to electricity pricing rules and operating procedures that eliminate or compensate for market distortion caused by certain federal tax credits.

HB 1343 by Troxclair (SB 1519 by Campbell)- relating to Public Utility Commission of Texas of a permit for the installation of certain electric energy storage equipment or facilities; authorizing a fee.

SB 1740 by Parker- relating to the protection of critical components of the electric grid from damage from electromagnetic threats.

HB 4363 by Money- relating to battery energy storage facilities; authorizing fees.

HB 3933 by Hopper et al. - relating to prohibiting the adoption of enforcement of certain federal emissions regulations during a declared emergency. Referred to State Affairs on 3/27/2025.

HB 5482 by Patterson- relating to renewable energy generation and energy storage facilities. Referred to State Affairs on 4/7/2025

The Committee continues to **OPPOSE HB 805 by Cortez** -relating to a study by the Public Utility Commission of Texas on the interconnection of the electric transmission service facilities with the United Mexico States, which was passed through the House yesterday.

Representatives Hopper, Schatzline, and Tinderholt proposed an amendment to the Bill, which was defeated, unfortunately. **Now this Bill moves to the Senate. Engrossed, Stage 3. Received from the House on 4/23/2025.**

Watch **C.S.H.B No. 4443** by Bhojani et al.- relating to the establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of a pilot-program to train workers for careers in energy-efficient technologies. Stage 3, Engrossed. Received from House on 5/15/2025. **Oppose if moving in the Senate.**