

SECURE THE GRID BILL REVIEW 05/30/2025

*** Indicates Bills most likely to make it to the Governor's Desk.**

***C.S.H.B. 3809 by Darby-** (SB1824 by Schwertner)- relating to the removal of battery energy storage facilities. **Stage 7.** HB 3809 has been passed out of the Senate as amended. Passed House and Senate on 5/20/2025. Sent to Governor's Desk. **5/29/2025 signed into law, takes effect 9-1-2025.**

***HB 3229 by Lambert et al.-** relating to recycling of certain renewable energy components; authorizing an administrative penalty. **Stage 7.** Reported out of House (Environmental Committee) as substituted 4/3/2025. Reported out of Senate 5/19/2025. Signed by House and Senate on 5/20/2025. **5/29/2025 Signed into law, takes effect 9-1-2025.**

***SB 231 by King et al.-** relating to temporary emergency electric energy facilities; reliability. **Stage 5.** Passed Senate as substituted. 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 State Calendars. On 5/21/2025, House passage. On 5/22/2025, signed by both House and Senate following Conference Committee. **Sent to Governor's Desk.**

***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 5,** 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, passed as amended. Senate Amendment Analysis distributed 5/19/2025. Conference Committee- 5/25- signed in Senate. 5/26/ Desk.2025- **sent to Governor's**

***C.S.S.B. 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 5.** Passed out of State Affairs Committee as substituted. Placed on General State Calendar for 5/20/2025. Passed House as amended. Conference Committee- Senate concurs in House amendment. **Sent to Governor's Desk.**

***C.S.S.B. 1789 by Schwertner** (HB 4627 by McQueeny)- relating to electric service quality and reliability. **Stage 5.** Placed on General State Calendar 5/16/2025. Passes House as amended. Conference Committee- 5/27- signed by Senate. 5/28- signed by House and **sent to Governor's Desk.**

***SB 1535 by Zaffirini, Parker-** relating to the establishment by the Texas Workforce Commission of an advanced nuclear energy workforce development program. **Stage 5.** Scheduled for hearing in State Affairs Committee on 5/5/2025. Reported favorably out of Committee and sent to Calendars on 5/14/2025. On 5/21/2025, The House voted passage as amended. Conference Committee 5/27-signed in Sente. 5/28-signed in House and **sent to governor's Desk.**

***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 5.** Referred to the State Affairs Committee for a hearing on 4/17/2025. Reported favorably w/o amendment on 5/15/2025. Sent to State Calendars On 5/19.Placed on State Calendar 5/22/2025. 5/24- passed House with 132 votes. 5/26-signed in Senate. . 5/27- signed in House and **sent to the Governor's Desk.**

***SB 1762 by Blanco (Dem) identical to HB 5568 by Darby-** relating to the authority of the Railroad Commission of Texas to designate certain persons as the operator of orphan oil and gas wells for the purpose of developing geothermal energy conservation wells as a source of dispatchable energy., **Stage 5-** Voted out of State Affairs Committee as substituted, heading to the House Floor. Placed on General State Calendar 5/15/2025. **SB 1762- moves to engrossment and is enrolled. Sent to Governor's desk on 5/22/2025.**

***C.S.S.B. 6 by King/Schwertner-** (Lt. Gov Patrick's Priority Bill)- relating to electricity planning and infrastructure costs for large loads. **Stage 5.** Hearing scheduled in State Affairs Committee on 5/7/2025. Reported favorably as substituted out of Committee on 5/16/2025. Placed on State Calendar 5/23/2025. Heard on House Floor 5/26 and passed with 3 amendments. 5/27- Conference Committee. 5 /29-Senate concurs with House Amendment. 5/30- reported enrolled and **sent to the Governor's Desk.**

***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 5.** Voted out of House referred to Business & Commerce 5/16/2025. On 5/22/2025 reported favorably as substituted. Headed to Senate Floor. 5/26-passed Senate as amended. 5/28- House concurs with Senate Amendment. 5/29 reported enrolled. 5/30-signed in the House. **Heading to Governor's Desk.**

***C.S.H.B 14 by Harris et al** (SB 2060 by Parker)- relating to support for the development of nuclear energy. **Stage 5.** 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. 5/28/2025- Senate passage as amended. Heading to Conference Committee. 5/29- Senate amendments distributed. 5/30- House concurs with Senate amendments.

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. **Stage 3**. Engrossed. **Left in Business & Committee pending 4/22/2025. Reported favorably out of Committee as substituted on 5/16/2025. 5/21/2025 referred to the House.**

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**

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**

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.**

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.**

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. Left pending in Committee.**

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.**

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 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.**

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 following Bills address Grid issues but fell out of the Scope of Categories chosen by the Secure The Electric Grid Committee. These Bills are making progress as well.

***SB 383 by Middleton**, sponsored by Phelan– relating to the interconnection to ERCOT power grid of certain coastal facilities for the provision of electric service. **Stage 4.** Voted out of House Committee on 5/22/2025, filed with Committee Coordinator and sent to Calendars.

HB 3092 by Gerdes et al., sponsored by Schwertner- relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct an electric transmission line. **Stage 4.** Being heard in B&C Committee on 5/23/2025. 5/28-passage with placement on local uncontested calendar.

SB 1243 by Birdwell- relating to dissolution of a public utility agency. **Stage 4.** On 5/25/2025 placed on State Calendar. 5/27- passed 3rd reading in the House.

SB 2321 by King- relating to the regulations of emissions by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality during an event affecting electric demand or grid reliability. **Stage 4.** On 5/27/2025 passed 3rd reading.

HB 3778 by Louderback et al., Sponsored by Kolkhorst- relating to the use of Geothermal energy as a dispatchable generation source. **Stage 3. Engrossed** Posting rule suspended. Being heard in B & C Committee on 5/23/2025. Left pending in Committee.

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. **Engrossed, Stage 3. Received from the House on 4/23/2025. Left pending.**

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. **Left pending**