### **SENATE FLOOR ACTION**

### Monday February 23, 2009

### The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

**SR 55** Duncan Congratulating The Picks on their induction into the New Mexico Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

SR 257 Watson Congratulating KUT-FM radio station on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

**SR 274** Shapiro Congratulating Hazel Ryder on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

SR 277 Ellis Honoring participants in the City Hall Fellows program of Houston.

### **SR 280** Lucio

Congratulating the Brownsville Independent School District for being awarded the 2008 Broad Prize for Urban Education.

### **SCR 25** Deuell

Congratulating Linda Muhl on her retirement from John Horn High School in Mesquite.

### **SCR 26** Averitt

Extending gratitude to Ipswich, Australia, for hosting a 40th-anniversary memorial service in honor of the crew of the USS Frank E. Evans.

### **SCR 29** Watson

In memory of Coach Patrick Honeycutt of Austin.

### **SCR 30** Watson

In memory of Jess M. Irwin, Jr., of Dallas.

### **SCR 31**

Seliger Congratulating Bell Helicopter Textron on the 10th anniversary of its Amarillo Military Aircraft Assembly Center.

### **Committee referral on the following:**

**SB 551** Carona Relating to civil liability for criminal street gang activity. **State Affairs** 

### **SB 552** Hegar

Relating to funding for the continuing education of certain peace officers. **Criminal Justice** 

### Lucio/ et al. **SB 553**

Relating to the disclosure of certain economic benefits provided by manufacturers or repackagers of prescription drugs; providing penalties. **Health & Human Services** 

### **SB 554** Whitmire

Relating to conduct constituting the offense of dog fighting and to the criminal and civil consequences of committing that offense. **Criminal Justice** 

### **SB 556** Hinojosa Relating to requirements for certain contracts with physicians and health care providers. **State Affairs** SB 557 Hinojosa Relating to the hours of sale for liquor. **Business & Commerce**

**SB 558** 

Ogden Relating to the designation of highway safety corridors; providing penalties. **Transportation & Homeland Security** 

### **SB 559** Hegar

Relating to inventories, appraisements, and lists of claims of a decedent's estate under independent administration.

# Jurisprudence

# **SB 560**

Jackson, Mike

Relating to the computation of taxable margin for purposes of the franchise tax by certain taxable entities.

Finance

### SB 561 Jackson, Mike

Relating to the number of license plates to be issued for and displayed on a motor vehicle. **Transportation & Homeland Security** 

### **SB 562** Jackson, Mike

Relating to the inclusion on the exterior of an ad valorem tax bill of a statement directing the United States Postal Service to return the bill if it is not deliverable as addressed. Finance

### SB 563 Jackson, Mike

Relating to the designation of a candidate as an incumbent on a primary ballot. **State Affairs** 

**SB 564** Jackson, Mike/ et al. Relating to exempting from ad valorem taxation property used by certain nonprofit community business organizations to provide services to aid in the economic development of local communities. Finance

# SB 565

West

Relating to premium discounts for certain vehicles equipped with a tracking system. **Business & Commerce** 

**SB 566** Hegar Relating to information included in the judgment in a criminal case. **Criminal Justice** 

### SB 567 Hegar Relating to the course levels offered by the University of Houston-Victoria. **Higher Education**

**SB 568** Lucio Relating to the employment of certified counselors by school districts. Education

### SB 569 Lucio

Relating to a school district policy concerning the use of school counselors' work time. Education

### **SB 555** Relating to indemnification provisions in construction contracts.

**State Affairs** 

Duncan

Lucio Relating to the financing of school district facilities and tax relief for facilities debt. Education

### **SB 571** Hinojosa

Relating to a crematory establishment's authority to accept for cremation unidentified human remains. Health & Human Services

### **SB 572**

### Shapiro

### Relating to transportation safety training requirements for certain child-care providers. **Health & Human Services**

### SB 573

### Lucio/ Van de Putte

Relating to the adoption of an alternative base period for computation of unemployment compensation benefits.

**Business & Commerce** 

### SB 574 Jackson, Mike

Relating to an exception to the wealth per student limitation for school districts that, as a result of natural disasters, are suffering financial hardship.

Education

SB 575

### Davis, Wendy

Relating to the time for dissolution of crime control prevention districts. **Intergovernmental Relations** 

### SB 576 Davis, Wendy

Relating to the implementation of a project plan or financing plan for a reinvestment zone under the Tax Increment Financing Act and the granting of exemptions from ad valorem taxes imposed on real property in a reinvestment zone under that Act.

**Economic Development** 

**SB 577** Shapleigh Relating to the child health plan program. Health & Human Services

### SB 578 Wentworth

Relating to the authority of a county to regulate land development after a local option election. **Intergovernmental Relations** 

SB 579 Wentworth Relating to an exception to the purchase of a refrigerant or equipment containing a refrigerant. **Natural Resources** 

**SB 580** Wentworth Relating to the issuance of French Legion of Honor specialty license plates. **Transportation & Homeland Security** 

**SB 581** Wentworth Relating to intermunicipal commuter rail districts. **Transportation & Homeland Security** 

### **SB 582** Wentworth

Relating to prohibitions on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle. **Transportation & Homeland Security** 

**SB 583** Wentworth

Relating to the penalty for failure to yield the right-of-way. **Transportation & Homeland Security** 

### **SB 584** Van de Putte

Relating to notification to a patient of a mental health facility or resident of a residential care facility of the exemption of certain trusts from liability to pay for support. Health & Human Services

### **SB 570**

**Transportation & Homeland Security SB 586** Carona

Relating to the operation of certain managed care plans regarding out-of-network health care providers. **State Affairs** 

# SB 587

# Shapiro

Carona

# Relating to the eligibility of school districts for state assistance with payment of existing debt. Education

# **SB 588**

# Hegar

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 9; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain. **Intergovernmental Relations** 

### **SB 589** Carona

Relating to certain requirements for sunscreening devices that are placed on or attached to a motor vehicle; providing a penalty.

**Transportation & Homeland Security** 

### **SB 590** Jackson, Mike

Relating to a requirement that the board of directors of an appraisal district develop a plan for reappraising property after a natural disaster. Finance

### SB 591 Van de Putte

Relating to the establishment of an evidence-based youth development competitive grant pilot program. Health & Human Services

### SB 592 Van de Putte

Relating to the capacity of certain minors to consent to examination or medical treatment related to contraception.

# Health & Human Services

### SB 593 Van de Putte

Relating to the expansion of services provided under the child health plan program for certain adolescents

Health & Human Services

### SB 594 Van de Putte

Relating to the Women's Health Program. Health & Human Services

# SB 595

Hegar Relating to the sealing of and discovery procedures relating to evidence that constitutes child pornography in a criminal hearing or proceeding. **Criminal Justice** 

**SB 596** 

# Nichols

Relating to the name of Stephen F. Austin State University. **Higher Education** 

### SB 597 Nichols

Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a molecular science building at Stephen F. Austin State University.

# Finance

### **SB 598** Van de Putte

Relating to a pilot revolving loan program for retrofitting public school buildings with photovoltaic solar panels and associated energy efficiency improvements. **Natural Resources** 

**SB 585** Relating to standards of conduct and ethics policies for metropolitan planning organizations.

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# Transportation & Homeland Security

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# SB 613 Shapleigh

Relating to political contributions and expenditures; providing civil and criminal penalties. **State Affairs** 

# Shapleigh Shapleigh Hegar West/ Deuell/ et al. West Relating to competitive procurement and change order requirements for local governments. Wentworth Carona

Relating to requiring a retail seller of motor vehicle tires to render certain tires unusable; providing a civil penalty.

Relating to allowing a county to consider health insurance benefits provided by a bidder to its employees

Relating to examination requirements for certain applicants for a license to practice medicine.

# **Transportation & Homeland Security**

**SB 618** Shapleigh Relating to the use of net metering by certain electric utilities. **Business & Commerce** 

# SB 619

Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for certain solar energy devices. Finance

# SB 620

Relating to the state's goal for non-wind renewable electric generating capacity. **Business & Commerce** 

# **SB 622**

Relating to access to the state highway system and damages for diminished access to the state highway system.

# **Transportation & Homeland Security**

**SB 623** Relating to the hours worked during a week by fire fighters in certain municipalities. **Intergovernmental Relations** 

# SB 624 **Intergovernmental Relations**

SB 625 Relating to the representation of indigent defendants in criminal cases. Jurisprudence

# **SB 626**

Relating to the creation, organization, governance, duties, and functions of the Texas Department of Vehicles; providing a penalty. **State Affairs** 

### **SB 627** Carona

Relating to a rebuttable presumption regarding liability of an in-home service company or residential delivery company for negligent hiring. **State Affairs** 

### SB 628 Ogden

Relating to immunity of the state and state agencies and employees of the state and state agencies from suit by certain public entities.

**State Affairs** 

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when awarding a purchasing contract.

**Intergovernmental Relations** 

**Health & Human Services** 

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### **SB 614** Relating to preexisting condition provisions in individual accident and health insurance policies.

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### SB 629

### West

Relating to the statutory limitation imposed on the University of North Texas System to issue revenue bonds to fund facilities at the University of North Texas Dallas Campus. **Finance** 

### SB 630

### Davis, Wendy

Relating to utility bill payment protection for elderly or disabled persons. **Business & Commerce** 

### SB 631

### Davis, Wendy

Relating to the establishment of a loan incentive program to promote energy efficiency in apartment buildings.

### **Business & Commerce**

# SB 632 Seliger

Relating to the authority of the governing body of a municipality to create a municipal court equal justice and education fund and to require certain defendants to pay court costs for deposit in the fund. **Criminal Justice** 

### SB 633 Seliger

Relating to the number of counties or municipalities necessary to establish a regional drug court program.

Jurisprudence

# SB 634 Seliger

Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog. **Criminal Justice** 

# SB 635 Seliger

Relating to certain requirements for school bus emergency evacuation training. Transportation & Homeland Security

### SB 636

Seliger

# Relating to the authority of a county to receive local sales tax information. **Economic Development**

# SB 637 Hegar

Relating to the creation of the Wharton County Drainage District. **Natural Resources** 

# SB 638 Nichols

Relating to the collateralization of certain public funds; providing administrative penalties. **Finance** 

### SB 639

Lucio/ et al.

# Relating to the rights of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities residing in state residential care facilities.

# Health & Human Services

# SB 640EllisRelating to electronic technology infrastructure.Business & Commerce

# SB 641EllisRelating to prohibiting human cloning; providing a penalty.Health & Human Services

# SB 642CaronaRelating to payments by bidders associated with a toll project contract.Transportation & Homeland Security

# SB 644 Shapiro/ et al.

Relating to modifications, adjustments, and reimbursements under the public school finance system for a school district located in a disaster area. **Education** 

# Hegar

Relating to the production and taxation of renewable diesel fuel. **Finance** 

SB 646Van de PutteRelating to a study regarding the confidentiality of prescription information; providing a civil penalty.Health & Human Services

### SB 647

### Van de Putte

Relating to blind and disabled pedestrians and failure of the operator of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way.

# **Criminal Justice**

### SB 648 Van de Putte

Relating to the right of an employee who is a parent of a child enrolled in a special education program to time off from work to meet with certain persons affecting the education of the child. **Business & Commerce** 

### SB 649 Van de Putte

Relating to the ability of an employee to participate in certain school-related activities of the employee's child.

**Business & Commerce** 

### SB 650 Van de Putte

Relating to certain peace officers commissioned by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy. Criminal Justice

### SB 651 Van de Putte

Relating to restrictions on the use of a stun gun; providing certain criminal penalties and defenses to prosecution.

### **Criminal Justice**

# SB 652

### Zaffirini

Relating to the maintenance of emergency contact and medical information databases by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

### **Transportation & Homeland Security**

### SB 653 Zaffirini

Relating to the accountability of emergency services district board members to a county commissioners court.

**Intergovernmental Relations** 

SB 654ZaffiriniRelating to continued health coverage for employees of certain political subdivisions.Intergovernmental Relations

### SB 655 Fraser/ Uresti/ West

Relating to the statutory limitation imposed on certain university systems to issue revenue bonds to fund facilities at certain institutions of higher education. **Finance** 

# SB 656

### Fraser

Relating to notice of an application for a permit to dispose of oil and gas waste in a commercial disposal well; creating an offense.

# Natural Resources

### SB 657

Fraser

Relating to the selection of the local administrative district judge for Blanco, Burnet, Llano, and San Saba Counties. **Jurisprudence** 

### SB 658 Eltife

Relating to the creation of an appellate judicial system for the Sixth Court of Appeals District. **Jurisprudence** 

### SB 645

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Relating to the creation of an appellate judicial system for the Twelfth Court of Appeals District. Jurisprudence

**SB 660** Hegar Relating to the creation of the Caldwell County Municipal Utility District No. 1; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

**Intergovernmental Relations** 

### SB 661 Carona/ et al.

Relating to discovery in a criminal case and the consequences of a failure to disclose certain discoverable evidence in a timely manner. **Criminal Justice** 

**SB 662** 

**SB 659** 

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Relating to the establishment and use of a mausoleum beneath certain religious buildings. **Health & Human Services** 

**SB 663** Averitt Relating to the dissolution of the Tablerock Groundwater Conservation District. **Natural Resources** 

### **SB 664** Gallegos

Relating to the establishment and operation of a public building mapping information system by the Texas Facilities Commission.

**Government Organization** 

### **SB 665** Gallegos

Relating to the establishment of a windstorm preparedness assistance program that provides financial assistance for certain homeowners in certain counties.

**Business & Commerce** 

### **SB 666** Shapleigh

Relating to the administration of charitable trusts. Jurisprudence

### **SB 668**

### Shapleigh

Relating to the establishment of a student mentorship pilot program at certain institutions of higher education.

**Higher Education** 

**SB 669** Shapleigh Relating to the availability of online testing for high school equivalency examinations. Education

### **SB 670**

# Shapleigh

Relating to design and construction standards for newly constructed state buildings, public school facilities, and higher education facilities. **Natural Resources** 

SB 671 Shapleigh Relating to information requested by a member, committee, or agency of the legislature under the public information law.

### **State Affairs**

### Shapleigh **SB 672**

Relating to considering ownership interests of certain disabled veterans in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting. **State Affairs** 

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SB 676 Relating to credit card market Business & Commerce	<b>Shapleigh</b> ing activities at postsecondary educational institutions.
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Relating to the recusal or disqualification of a statutory probate court judge and subsequent assignment of another judge.

Jurisprudence

**SB 684** 

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Rural Development Fund and to the establishment, operation, and funding of certain programs for rural economic development. **Agriculture & Rural Affairs** 

**SB 685** 

### Lucio

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Relating to authorizing the commissioner of insurance to further regulate the financial security and operations of certain insurance companies through local districts or chapters. **Business & Commerce** 

### **SB 686** Davis, Wendy

Relating to the installation of natural gas pipelines in controlled access highway rights-of-way. **Transportation & Homeland Security** 

# **SB 673**

Hegar Relating to plans by local governments in coastal areas for reducing public expenditures for erosion and storm damage losses to public and private property.

# **Natural Resources**

### **SB 674** Shapleigh

Relating to the student academic performance information provided through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).

# Education

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# SB 687

### Hegar

Relating to injury leave and related benefits for certain state peace officers injured in the course of performance of duty.

State Affairs

### SB 688 Wentworth

Relating to the mitigation of the impact of residential development in public school districts. **Education** 

### SB 689

### Shapiro/ et al.

Relating to restrictions on the use of the Internet by sex offenders and to the collection and exchange of information regarding those offenders. **Criminal Justice** 

### SB 690 Wentworth

Relating to the requirements for a petition proposing an amendment to the charter of a home-rule municipality.

**Intergovernmental Relations** 

SB 691HegarRelating to the establishment of the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.Agriculture & Rural Affairs

### SB 692 Van de Putte

Relating to family care leave for certain employees; providing a civil penalty. **Business & Commerce** 

### SB 693 Van de Putte

Relating to the sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor. **Business & Commerce** 

### SB 694 Ellis

Relating to certain reimbursements and discounts provided for collecting sales and use taxes. **Finance** 

### SB 695

Ellis

Relating to public access to personal financial statements filed by candidates for and holders of state office and state chairs of political parties.

# **State Affairs**

SB 696EllisRelating to the lease of certain state parking facilities to other persons.Finance

### SB 697

# Ellis

Relating to coverage under certain residential property insurance policies for losses incurred because of storm surges.

**Business & Commerce** 

### SB 698

### Ellis

Relating to the establishment of a registry at the Texas Department of Insurance of certain legal entities determined to have sold race-based insurance coverage. **State Affairs** 

SB 699EllisRelating to higher education student loan repayment assistance for peace officers.Higher Education

SB 700Patrick, DanRelating to ad valorem tax relief.Finance

SB 956WestRelating to the establishment of a law school in the city of Dallas by the University of North TexasSystem.Education