

BILLS REFERRED TODAY

**Monday
May 11, 2009**

Committee referral on the following:

SB 2581 Shapleigh

Relating to partnering with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies to establish a veterans hospital in El Paso.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 2582 Van de Putte

Relating to certain investment products made available to certain public school employees and the companies authorized to provide those products; providing civil penalties.

State Affairs

**HJR 77 Howard, Donna/ Anchia/ Eissler/
Chisum/ Dutton/ et al.**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to create the Permanent School Fund Management Council to assume the duty of the State Board of Education to manage the permanent school fund and to allow the School Land Board to transfer funds from the permanent school fund to the available school fund.

Education

**HB 130 Patrick/ Eissler/ Anchia/ Pitts/
Thompson/ et al.**

Relating to an enhanced quality full-day prekindergarten program provided by public school districts in conjunction with community providers.

Education

HB 155 Gutierrez

Relating to access to rivers and riverbeds for individuals with physical disabilities.

Natural Resources

HB 556 Kuempel

Relating to payment of attorney's fees in certain actions to recover possession of real property.

State Affairs

**HB 853 Laubenberg/ Rodriguez/
Gutierrez/ Leibowitz/ Chavez/
et al.**

Relating to inclusion of pets and other companion animals in protective orders; providing a penalty.

Criminal Justice

**HB 978 Burnam/ Lucio III/ Naishtat/
Farrar/ et al.**

Relating to the employment rights of certain individuals with disabilities.

Business & Commerce

HB 1399 Guillen

Relating to the powers and duties of municipal court judges.

Criminal Justice

**HB 2291 Gattis/ Oliveira/ Paxton/ Pena/
Harper-Brown/ et al.**

Relating to the procedure to be used by a taxing unit in adopting an ad valorem tax rate.

Finance

- HB 2308** **Davis, Yvonne/ Flores/ Hodge**
 Relating to the establishment of the Texas secure loan pilot program by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
International Relations & Trade
- HB 2360** **Farias/ Turner, Sylvester/ Elkins/ Thompson**
 Relating to the provision by employers of information regarding employee eligibility for the federal earned income tax credit.
Business & Commerce
- HB 2502** **Hartnett**
 Relating to the adoption of a nonsubstantive revision of provisions of the Texas Probate Code relating to decedents' estates and the redesignation of certain other provisions of the Texas Probate Code, including conforming amendments and repeals.
Administration
- HB 2504** **Kolkhorst/ Christian/ Aycock/ et al.**
 Relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to make available to the public on the institution's Internet website certain undergraduate course information.
Higher Education
- HB 2582** **Gonzalez Toureilles/ Leibowitz/ Moody/ Hardcastle**
 Relating to the production and taxation of renewable diesel fuel.
Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- HB 2619** **Frost**
 Relating to the nonsubstantive revision of certain local laws concerning special districts, including conforming amendments.
Administration
- HB 3079** **Hughes**
 Relating to the sale or purchase of certain parts of game animals or birds.
Agriculture & Rural Affairs
- HB 3095** **Harless**
 Relating to the use of a parking space or area designated specifically for persons with disabilities.
Transportation & Homeland Security
- HB 3433** **Menendez/ Pickett**
 Relating to the extended registration of a fleet of motor vehicles.
Transportation & Homeland Security
- HB 3650** **Merritt/ Gonzales/ Chavez/ Frost/ Gutierrez**
 Relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operations, and financing of a border region higher-speed rail authority for the Texas-Louisiana and the Texas-Mexico border regions; granting the power to issue bonds; imposing a tax; granting the power of eminent domain.
Transportation & Homeland Security
- HB 4270** **Howard, Charlie/ Paxton**
 Relating to the computation of cost of goods sold for purposes of the franchise tax by certain affiliated taxable entities.
Finance
- HB 4294** **Branch/ Eissler/ Strama/ Oliveira/ Aycock/ et al.**
 Relating to textbooks, electronic textbooks, instructional material, and technological equipment in public schools.
Education

Committee re-referral on the following:

HB 1579

Gonzales/ Martinez, "Mando"

Relating to a county's removal of flood water resulting from a natural disaster in certain communities.

Re-referred from S/C on Flooding & Evacuations to International Relations & Trade