



## TARRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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**TO:** Tarrant County Commissioners Court

**FROM:** Russell Schaffner, Asst. County Administrator

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**SUBJECT:** Legislative Update

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### Overview

The House passed the appropriations act (**HB 1**) and the supplemental appropriations act (**SB 30**) on Thursday, August 6. The Senate Finance Committee took up **HB 1** in committee and substituted in their version of the budget, **SB 1**. The House and Senate will take **SB 30** into a conference committee and will appoint conferees in the coming weeks.

The Legislature's tax relief plans are making their way through the process. The Senate passed **SB 3**, **SB 4**, and **SB 5**, sending them to the House. The three Senate bills are pending in the House Ways and Means Committee. The House passed **HB 2** on Thursday, April 13 and sent the bill to the Senate.

The House and Senate economic development bills have also been heard in their respective committees. **HB 5** (Hunter) was heard in House Ways and Means on April 10 and has been left pending. This bill would create a new mechanism to abate school district property taxes. **SB 1419** (Birdwell) was heard on April 5 in the Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee and has been left pending. **SB 1419** would increase the notice requirements for tax abatements and limit the types of funds used for Chapter 380/381 agreements. This Session's economic development policy continues to develop.

### Bills of Interest

The Legislature is poised to make changes to the platting and development process. **HB 14** (Harris) and **HB 866** (Oliverson) passed out of the House and have been sent to the Senate. These bills clarify certain platting changes made in the 86<sup>th</sup> Session with **HB 3617**. **HB 3617** (86) created a timeline for speedy plat review by a county or municipality. **HB 14** and **HB 866** add additional requirements and allow for a third-party review and plat approval process.

**SB 1787** (Bettencourt)/**HB 3921** (Goldman) would establish maximum lot sizes for residential zoning outside of an HOA in municipalities located in a county containing a city with a population of 300,000 or more. If this bill is enacted, the residential lot size cannot be larger than 1,400 square feet with a density of 31.1 residential units per acre.

**HB 2878** (Capriglione) has been bracketed to Tarrant County. This bill would allow a food truck vendor to receive a permit from the Tarrant County Public Health Department and operate anywhere in the County.

**Important Dates:**

March 10 – Unrestricted bill filing deadline

May 11 – Last day for the House to consider second reading House bills

May 23 – Last day for the House to consider second reading Senate bills

May 24 – Last day for the Senate to consider all bills on second or third reading

May 29 – sine die

June 18 – Last day the Governor can sign or veto bills