

89th Texas Legislative Session – Scorecard

Advancing Business, Education & Workforce Priorities

The Chamber actively engaged in pro-business, pro-education, and workforce-aligned legislation. Here’s how our priorities fared, including key votes from Senator Bryan Hughes and Representative Jay Dean.

EDUCATION – Major Wins Secured

| Bill | Summary | Status | Dean | Hughes |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|-------|--------------|
| HB 2 (Buckley) | \$8.5B for school finance, teacher pay, high-impact programs | ✔ Signed into Law (6/4/25) | ✔ Yes | ✔ Yes |
| HB 20 (Gates) | Applied Sciences Pathway Program for job-aligned credentialing | ✔ Sent to Governor | ✔ Yes | ✔ Yes |
| HB 120 (Bell) | Expanded P-TECH, rural support, and CTE facilities | ✔ Sent to Governor | ✔ Yes | ✔ Co-Sponsor |
| SB 1962 (Bettencourt) | Updates CCMR indicators for better post-secondary outcomes | ⚠ Passed Senate only | — | ✔ Yes |

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| SB 2253 (Creighton) | Educator certification support | ✗ Left in Committee | — | — |
| HB 123 / SB 2252 (Dutton / Creighton) | Early childhood literacy and parental supports | ✗ Left in Committee | — | — |

COMMUNITY COLLEGE / FINANCIAL AID

| Bill | Summary | Status | Dean | Hughes |
|---------|---|-----------------------------|-------|--------|
| SB 1786 | CTE grants, workforce data, Windham eligibility | ✓ Signed into Law (5/27/25) | ✓ Yes | ✓ Yes |
| HB 2110 | Aligns with SB 1786 for funding strategy | ⚠ Postponed | — | — |

ENERGY

| Bill | Summary | Status | Dean | Hughes |
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| SB 1258 (Nichols) | Carbon capture pore space ownership | ✗ Left in Committee | — | — |

HOUSING

| Bill | Summary | Status | Dean | Hughes |
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| SB 840 | Allows residential in commercial zones for infill housing | ✓ Signed into Law (Effective 9/1/25) | ✓ Yes | ✓ Yes |
| SB 844 / HB 24 | Reforms zoning petition thresholds | ✓ HB 24 Passed (Effective 9/1/25) | ✓ Yes (HB 24 Co-Sponsor) | ✓ Yes (SB 844 Author, but SB failed to engross) |
| SB 673 (Hughes) | Would have legalized ADUs statewide | ✗ Left Pending in House | — | ✓ Author |

PHARMACEUTICAL ACCESS – Chamber supported protections and pharmacy rights. SUCCESS

| Bill | Summary | Status | Dean | Hughes |
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| HB 3265 (Darby) | Protects 340B drug access and contract pharmacies | ✗ Left in Committee | — | — |

SMALL BUSINESS PROTECTIONS – Chamber opposed new swipe fee regulations. SUCCESS

| Bill | Summary | Status | Dean | Hughes |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|------|--------|
| SB 2026 / HB 4124 | Opposed swipe fee regulations on small business | ✔ Did Not Advance | — | — |

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Chamber opposed sales tax redistribution. SUCCESS

| Bill | Summary | Status | Dean | Hughes |
|----------------|--|-------------------|------|--------|
| HB 134 (Meyer) | Opposed sales tax redistribution penalty | ✔ Did Not Advance | — | — |

Legend

-  = Chamber Priority Passed / Supported
-  = Bill Did Not Advance
-  = Partial Progress / Incomplete Passage
- Dean / Hughes Columns reflect their official vote or sponsorship