

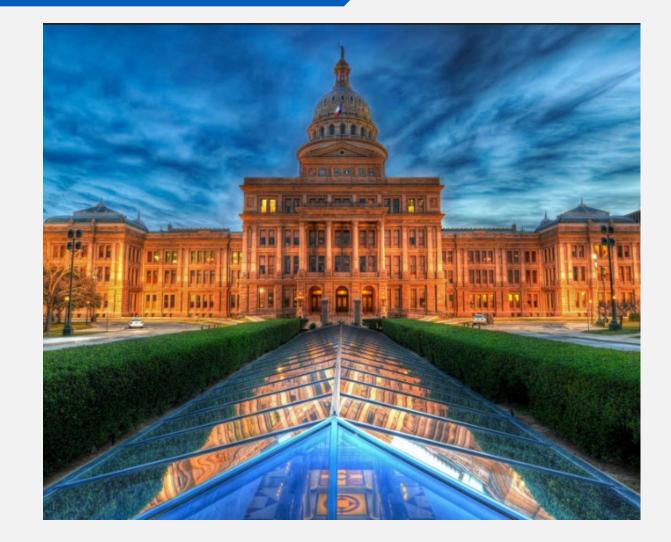
#### TEXAS Health and Human Services

#### Texas Department of State Health Services

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## **Legislative Session Update**

- Dates to remember
- Priorities
- Committees
- Budget update
- Bills to watch



#### **Dates to Remember**



## **Senate Priorities**

# Lt. Governor announced **40** policy priorities Electric grid reliability





**Establishing Homeland Security Division** 

## **House Priorities**

# Speaker announced **25** policy priorities Regulatory reform and efficiency

Interoperability Council and grant program



Healthcare services to rural counties

## Committees

## House

- Public Health
  - S/C Disease Prevention and Women's and Children's Health
- Appropriations

# Senate

- Health and Human Services
- Finance

## **Exceptional Items**

Exceptional Item		Biennial GR/GRD	Biennial All Funds	FY 2026 FTEs	FY 2027 FTEs
	DSHS FY 2026 – 2027 Base Request	\$1,102.6 M	\$2,297.8 M	3,369.2	3,369.2
1	Meet Increased Costs for Current Agency Operations	\$7.4 M	\$7.4 M	0.0	0.0
2	Maintain Agency Infrastructure that Serves Texans and Communities	\$22.2 M	\$22.2 M	2.0	2.0
3	Expand Laboratory Capacity and Capability to Detect Risks to Health and Safety	\$328.3 M	\$334.9 M	38.0	38.0
4	Improve Child Mortality and Morbidity Due to Congenital Syphilis	\$13.3 M	\$13.3 M	25.0	25.0
5	Ensure Access to Regional and Local Public Health Services	\$57.2 M	\$72.0 M	82.0	82.0
6	Support Growth in Texas Industries and Career Entry	\$14.6 M	\$14.6 M	11.0	17.0
7	Reduce the Impacts of Tobacco-Related Cancers	\$2.8 M	\$2.8 M	0.0	0.0
8	Improve the Timeliness and Quality of Maternal and Child Health Data	\$11.5 M	\$11.5 M	8.0	8.0
9	Support Business Growth Through Improved Technology Services	\$14.6 M	\$14.6 M	5.0	7.0
	Total, All Exceptional Items	\$472.0 M	\$493.4 M	171.0	179.0
	Total, DSHS Base + Exceptional Items	\$1,574.6 M	\$2,791.2	3,540.2	3,548.2

## **By the Numbers**



## 10,309 pieces of legislation filed

- 5,608 House bills
- 1,660 resolutions



# **1,100** being tracked by DSHS•60+ bill analyzed by RLHO

## **Public Health Topics to Watch**



#### Food Safety

- Imported food labeling
- Food additives in schools



#### **Restaurant Regulations**

- Mobile food units
- State/local regulation



#### Vaccines

- mRNA
- Choice

## **Public Health Topics to Watch**



#### **Emergency Preparedness and Response**

- Preparedness plans
- Disaster declarations



#### Information Access

- Immunizations
- Electronic health records
- Parental access



#### Medical Choice

- Informed consent
- Reasons of conscience
- Treatment & quarantine/isolation





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# Thank you!

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