



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

November 12, 2024

January 14, 2025

March 14, 2025

May 14, 2025

May 23-27, 2025

June 2, 2025

June 22, 2025

Filing Deadline

1st Chamber

Committees Stop Working

Sine Die

Veto Period Ends

Session Starts

Pre-Filing



Senate Priorities

Lt. Governor announced **40** policy priorities



Electric grid reliability



Wildfire response



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

Questions?



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Thank you!

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