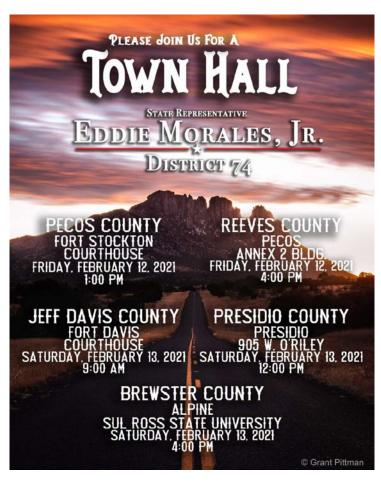
Friends,

This week in Austin we were in session on the House Floor for 2 days. Bills started being referred to committees for the first time next week.

Committees expect to start meeting next week. Typically the first week or two of committee hearings are organizational hearings with invited testimony to help the new members of the committee learn about the state agencies they have oversight over.

Even though we were only in session for a few hours each day, we've been hard at work in the office. We're continuing to advocate for more vaccines for our counties in House District 74.

Today, Hellen & I are headed out west. Please join us for one of our five town halls coming up this weekend. No RSVP required.



My office has filed 6 bills so far in the 87th Legislative Session, and I would like to take the time to introduce them to you. These bills were all ideas brought to us by local elected officials and constituents to help our district and our region.

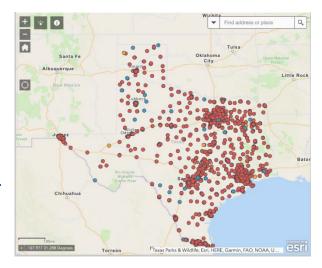
- House Bill 623: Requires county commissioner approval for wind farms in certain counties, specifically Val Verde County.
- House Bill 634: Allows local officials more discretion to choose the newspaper or publisher for public notices in an effort to provide notice to the most constituents possible.
- House Bill 916: Creates a Regional Mobility Authority for 7 counties, including 3 in HD 74: Maverick, Val Verde & Kinney Counties. RMAs provides additional transportation planning tools and will help draw down state and federal dollars for our roadway projects.
- House Bill 1000: Allows Sul Ross University and Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College to issue Tuition Revenue Bonds to build additional buildings in Eagle Pass and Alpine.
- House Bill 1285: Designates State Highways 118 and 116 as the Davis Mountains Scenic Loop Highway and Historic Marker.
- House Concurrent Resolution 33: Designates Fort Davis as the official Highest Town in Texas for a 10-year period beginning in 2021.

These bills are the first ones that were returned from the drafting attorneys, but we have at least a dozen more currently being drafted.

Looking for COVID Vaccine availability?

TDEM and DSHS has created a tool to help you find your nearest vaccination center.

Click this link to find your nearest vaccination hub.





Sincerely,

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State Representative Eddie Morales, Jr.