

# *SAM HARLESS*

State Representative for District 126  
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*Texas House of Representatives*



## District 126 News and Information



## 86th Session Committee Action

After being assigned to the State Affairs and Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committees, the first order of business is getting to know the other members and leadership on the committee. Early action will center on organizational activity and hearings from utility regulators. Our first hearing provided input from the Railroad Commission, the Public Utility Commission, and the Energy Regulation Council of Texas (ERCOT)

### State Affairs

State Affairs is chaired by District 21 Representative Dade Phelan. Representative Phelan is from Orange, Texas and has been in the House since 2015. Vice Chair of this committee is Representative Ana Hernandez has been a member since 2005 and is from Pasadena, Texas. Listed below is the makeup of the entire committee:

#### State Affairs

Chair: Rep. Dade Phelan.

Vice Chair: Rep. Ana Hernandez

#### Licensing and Admin Procedures

Chair: Rep. Tracy O. King

Vice Chair: Rep. Craig Goldman

Rep Joe Deshotel  
Rep R.D. Ryan Guerra  
Rep Sam Harless  
Rep Justin Holland  
Rep Todd Hunter  
Rep Phil King  
Rep Tan Parker  
Rep Richard Pena Raymond  
Rep Eddie Rodriguez  
Rep John Smithee  
Rep Drew Springer

Rep. Charlie Geren  
Rep. Ryan Guillen  
Rep Sam Harless  
Rep Ana Hernandez  
Rep Abel Herrera  
Rep Ken King  
Rep John Kuempel  
Rep Chris Paddie  
Rep Senfronia Thompson

## **District 126 Polls** Issues we get calls or visits about

### **Affordable Housing Poll**

Do you support additional Affordable Housing in District 126?

Yes

Select

No

Select

### **Fantasy Sports Betting Poll**

Do you support parimutuel betting for Online Fantasy Sports?

Yes

Select

No

Select

### **Our Bills In Motion**

**HOA Board Membership** - [HB 1396](#) This bill would preclude membership on the board of a property owners association by more than one member in a given household. (Excludes the subdivision or community developer during declaratory period)

**Entry of Bond Conditions** [HB 738](#) In cases where a defendant is authorized to be out on bond is permitted bail that has specific conditions imposed by a judge or magistrate, those conditions have not previously been electronically distributed via the statewide law enforcement network. This bill would require judges to notify Sheriffs of those conditions and have them entered into the computer network when imposed and removed.

**Tuition and Fees For Military Spouses** - [HB 739](#) Currently military spouses and dependents who are Texas residents but are currently deployed out of state can be charged out of state tuition, even if they maintain residency in Texas. To honor the service of those serving in our military this bill seeks to codify residency for them and their family.

**Charterwood M.U.D.** [HB 1488](#) This bill realigns the percentage of expenditures in one category for this single MUD. It allows for a percentage increase in the expenditures

for improvements to recreational facilities. It does not increase the amount of tax collected, just the single category expenditure percentage and requires voter approval.

**Texas County & District Retirement System - [HB 2538](#)** This bill removes any non-governmental entities from participating in this retirement system.

**Turn Signal Bill - [HB 2717](#)** This bill addresses use of a turn signal for "turn" only lanes.

## **Bills I Have Signed Onto**

**House Bill 39** - Relating to the repeal of certain time limitations on the award of grants by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Oversight Committee.

**House Bill 41** - Relating to paid leave for a state employee who is a search and rescue volunteer.

**House Bill 1214** - Relating to the allocation to and use by the Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Historical Commission of certain proceeds from the imposition of state sales and use taxes on sporting goods.

**House Bill 1397** - Relating to the establishment of rates for certain non-ERCOT utilities

**House Bill 1631** - Relating to prohibiting the use of photographic traffic signal enforcement systems.

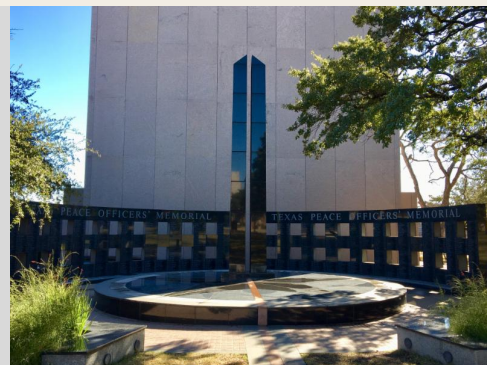
**House Joint Resolution 13** - Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to allocate a portion of oil and gas production tax revenue to the counties from which the oil and gas originated.

**House Bill 1500** - Relating to prohibiting abortions after detection of an unborn child's heartbeat and to requirements for performing or inducing an abortion; authorizing an administrative penalty; creating a criminal offense.

**House Joint Resolution 12** - Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.



**Representative Harless meets with the Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists**



**Peace Officer Memorial on the North Side of the Capitol Ground**



**Rep Harless first time at the podium, to support House Resolution 129**



**Representatives of the Texas League of Women Voters stop by the Capitol office.**



**Governor Greg Abbott's State of the State Address**

**On February 5th Governor Abbott outlined Emergency Items for 86th.**

- School Finance**
- School Safety**
- Mental Health in Schools**
- Natural Disaster Response**
- Property Tax Reform**
- Teacher Pay**

**The Governor reaffirmed his support for continued funding for border security. He also called for greater penalties in human trafficking and highlighted the need to eliminate the backlog of rape kit testing.**



**My own Precinct 4 Constables stopped my office at the Capitol for Justice of the Peace and Constable Day on Feb 12th at the State Capitol. Its always good to see our own Constable Mark Herman's Office and personnel well represented.**



**Members of the Texas Independent Auto Dealers Association (IADA) came by the Capitol on February 12th to visit with legislators about issues affecting car dealers across Texas.**

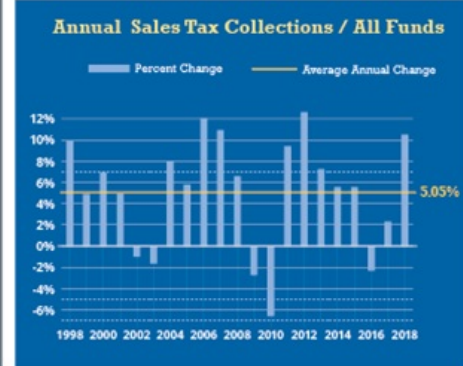
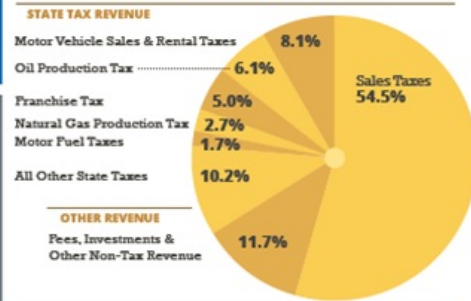
## **Comptroller Biennial Revenue Statement**

The Texas Comptroller provides the Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) at the beginning of every regular legislative session. The estimate outlines how much state revenue is available for lawmakers to spend on programs for Texans through the 2020-21 biennium.

Revenue Available for General Purpose Spending		2018-19	2020-21	
General Revenue-Related (GR-R) Tax Collections	+	\$99.27	\$107.32	In Billions of Dollars
Other GR-R Revenue	+	\$14.55	\$14.16	
<b>Total GR-R Revenue</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$113.82</b>	<b>\$121.48</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>
Beginning Balance	+	\$1.94	\$4.18	
<b>Total GR-R Revenue &amp; Fund Balances</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$115.77</b>	<b>\$125.67</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>
Revenue Reserved for Transfers to the Economic Stabilization and State Highway Funds	-	\$5.57	\$6.34	
Amount Needed for Transfer to the Texas Tomorrow Fund*	-	\$0.00	\$0.21	
<b>Total Revenue Available for General-Purpose Spending</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$110.20</b>	<b>\$119.12</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

\*The original, constitutionally guaranteed prepaid tuition program is projected to have a cash shortfall of \$111 million in the 2020-21 biennium. The BRE assumes the shortfall will be paid from general revenue.  
Note: Totals may not sum because of rounding.

## General Revenue-Related Revenue



**Glenn Hegar** Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

## News Articles

[Community Impact News - Feb 12th](#) - Local leaders, school districts outline legislative agendas in Spring, Klein

[Community Impact news - February 11th](#) - Revitalization efforts along FM 1960 ramp up despite funding challenges

## In The District



### Houston NW Chamber Public Safety Forum

If you're interested in public safety issues for the 1960 area, you should check out the Public Safety Forum moderated by Larry Lipton on behalf of the Houston NW Chamber. They meet on the 3rd Thursday at the Champions Emergency Services District at 12730 Champion Forest Dr at 8:30 am. Great Speakers!!

Visit the Houston NW Chamber

## D Bradley McWilliams YMCA

The YMCA is re-opening March 13th after Hurricane Harvey. After four feet of water inundated the facility a complete renovation has provided an updated new facility featuring three fitness areas, four designated group exercise studios—including a yoga and cycle studio—an indoor pool, rock wall, indoor track and a children’s area.



## Tomball Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Government Affairs meets the first Tuesday of each month from 8:00 am - 9:00 am at the Chamber Board Room 29201 Quinn Road Tomball, TX 77377

Tomball Government Affairs Committee

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