



Dear Friends,

Happy Master's weekend! It was another busy week in the Texas House punctuated by a marathon day on the House floor yesterday.

TEXAS HOUSE PASSES THE BIENNIAL STATE BUDGET

Last night after over 15 hours of debate on the House floor, the Texas House passed [SB 1](#), the biennial state budget, as well as [HB 500](#), the supplemental budget just after 3:00 AM. Together these bills, while staying under constitutional spending limits, will provide much needed property tax relief, real and targeted dollars for education, as well as additional funding for border security, infrastructure, disaster preparedness and more.

Highlights:

- \$51 billion for property tax relief – an increase of \$11.2 billion from the last biennium
- \$63 billion to fully fund school enrollment, plus an additional \$7.7 billion in new, targeted K-12 funding
 - \$1 billion for school choice in the form of educational savings accounts
 - \$400 million for school safety
 - \$450 million to reduce cost of health insurance for teachers
- \$6.5 billion to secure the border
- \$30 billion for road projects across Texas
- \$2.5 billion for water infrastructure
- \$240 million for new mental health beds, plus youth crisis outreach
- \$263 million for women's health and maternal safety
- \$1 billion for wildfire response and emergency readiness

Additionally, I was proud to co-author an amendment that added \$70 million for the Thriving Texas Families program. This program directly supports pregnancy centers, adoption

agencies, and parenting education – giving women real options and real hope. This was a key piece of a budget that boldly defends life and reflects Texas values.

CONSERVATIVE LEGISLATION ON THE MOVE

This week the Texas House unanimously passed my bill, [HB 748](#) – also known as Trey’s Law. Trey’s Law will prohibit non-disclosure agreements from being used in cases of sexual abuse and assault – no longer silencing victims and no longer protecting these predators. This week we stood with survivors and chose justice, truth and courage. For Trey and for every child.

We also kept our promise to Texans by delivering on government efficiency. The House passed [HB 12](#) and [SB 14](#), two powerful DOGE priority bills aimed at cutting red tape, boosting government efficiency, empowering the public with greater oversight over their government, and increasing transparency in Texas. The Texas House is taking the lead on government efficiency this session!

BILLS IN COMMITTEE THIS WEEK

This week I laid out a number of bills in committee. Importantly, I laid out [House Bill 1761](#) which will increase judicial compensation in Texas. As chair of the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence committee, I hear first hand the challenges facing our courts to get experienced and qualified judges on our benches. The Judiciary is a cornerstone of our government and we cannot afford to continue to lose talent due to a lack of appropriate compensation. Texas has not had a meaningful increase in the base pay since 2013 and this bill seeks to remedy that. Additionally, HB 1761 addresses other issues including transparency, accountability and efficiency in our courts.

In the Elections Committee, I laid out [HB 2773](#). Right now, election officials aren’t allowed to change state-mandated election procedures, but there’s no real penalty if they do. HB 2773 closes that loophole by adding enforcement and penalties to the Texas Election Code. Election officials are responsible for carrying out the law—not rewriting it. Texans deserve consistent, trustworthy elections and a clear process when laws aren’t followed.

BECOME AN HONORARY PAGE FOR THE TEXAS HOUSE!

Every session, each member has the opportunity to choose 4 Honorary Pages for the Texas House. Pages help with the duties of the Texas House including folding flags, delivering items to members on the House floor, and getting a behind-the-scenes look at their legislature in action. Our office has 3 spots still available for this session and we’d love to have you! This is for youth ages 8-18 and they will either have a morning shift (8:30am-12pm) or an afternoon shift (1:30pm-5pm). To apply to be a page for our office and to learn more, please reach out to District67.Leach@house.texas.gov.

Here's some pictures of pages we have had in past sessions!



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Floor Schedule:

- Monday: Convene at 2pm
- Tuesday: Convene at 10am
- Wednesday: Convene at 10am
- Thursday: Convene at 9am

Rep Leach Authored Bills on the House Floor:

- [HB 6](#): Teacher's Bill of Rights/School Discipline – 4/15

I hope you and your family are able to enjoy this beautiful weekend!

All My Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Leach". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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