

DISTRICT
76

Legislative Update

REPRESENTATIVE SULEMAN LALANI, M.D.



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

During the 89th Regular Legislative Session, the voices and values of HD 76—a diverse and civically engaged community—were at the forefront. Guided by those principles, legislation was filed and championed to put people first—prioritizing families, children, seniors, and working Texans. While some of these bills did not pass, many drew broad attention and support, and we will continue this work next session. Some of my filed bills are below.

Together, our dedication produced meaningful outcomes that you will read about in this special newsletter. Throughout this session, I fought passionately for the issues important to you: strengthening our healthcare system, investing in public education, enhancing public safety, and protecting consumer rights. *Through perseverance, collaboration, and your invaluable support, we achieved real results—which led us to author 270 bills with the Lalani name attached as author, co-author, joint author, sponsor, or co-sponsor, 83 of which were signed into law with zero vetoes!*

As important as our legislative accomplishments are, what lies ahead is equally important. On November 4, 2025, Texans will vote on 17 constitutional amendments passed by the Legislature, each carrying significant implications for our state's future. To help you navigate these measures, this newsletter also includes clear, nonpartisan summaries of what's on the ballot this fall. The proposals cover essential areas such as higher education funding, property tax relief, public safety enhancements, and improved care for seniors and veterans.

Our office remains dedicated to keeping you informed and empowering you as engaged citizens. Your participation in these decisions is crucial for guiding Texas toward continued prosperity. Everything I do in Austin is in service to each resident of HD 76—one of the most diverse and vibrant districts in Texas. Our strength lies in our diversity and active civic participation.

Remember: this is your government, and your voice shapes our future. I encourage you to stay informed, participate actively, and exercise your right to vote.

Thank you for placing your trust in me. Please review the important information in this newsletter, stay involved, and make your voice heard this November and beyond. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will keep Texas moving forward.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Suleman Lalani in black ink.

Suleman Lalani, M.D.
State Representative • House District 76



89TH REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Purpose-Driven Policy: What We Fought For This Session

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Dr. Lalani pictured at the Speaker's desk.

Putting People First: A Healthier Texas

Healthcare was a top priority. Every Texan deserves care that is accessible, affordable, and rooted in dignity. We filed various healthcare expansion bills. One of them is **HB 895**, which would have created the Live Well Texas program to expand Medicaid and offer a bridge to private coverage through the Gateway to Work initiative. **HB 1811** aimed to extend postpartum Medicaid and CHIP coverage from 12 to 24 months, ensuring continued care for new mothers. **HB 836** proposed a \$15/hour base wage for personal attendants under Medicaid—because those who care for our most vulnerable deserve a living wage. I'm happy to share that our tireless work on this issue led to a \$13/hour minimum wage being signed into law through another bill.

Additionally, **HB 1467** and **HB 863** would have improved emergency preparedness in assisted living and independent senior communities by requiring backup power, safety plans, and a centralized database of them—ensuring dignity and protection for older adults. The good news is we passed other versions of these bills, which you'll read about on the next page.

Public Safety Rooted in Prevention

Public safety must be proactive, not reactive. **HB 306**, **HB 352**, and **HB 397** were introduced to keep firearms out of the hands of minors and convicted sex offenders—raising the purchase age, closing transfer loopholes, and requiring background checks on private sales. Though these bills didn't pass, the work continues alongside families and survivors.

Preventing violence also means addressing it early. **HB 543** would have placed QR-code signs in campus bathrooms to help students report sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. **HB 724** would have required childcare centers to report immunization rates to parents—ensuring transparency where it matters most.

Investing in Health Equity

Prevention is the strongest medicine. **HB 746** would have codified a tobacco cessation program for pregnant and postpartum women. **HB 850** called for defibrillators and cardiac emergency plans in schools—especially those in underserved areas. **HB 856** would have required schools to stock respiratory medications and train staff to respond quickly to emergencies.

Additionally, **HB 1539** sought to provide continuous Medicaid eligibility for children under 6. **HB 2299** would have supported and funded the creation of community clinics in medically underserved parts of Fort Bend County.

Supporting Students, Parents, and Educators

Schools should reflect the communities they serve. Through **HB 625** and **HB 667**, halal meal options would have been guaranteed in public schools—affirming dietary and religious needs. **HB 846** would have allowed parental leave for teachers switching districts with less than one year of service. **HB 4019** would have created a Texas Pathways internship program, opening doors for students to explore careers in state public service.



Dr. Lalani is pictured with his staff on the last day of the legislative session.

Protecting Texans in the Digital and Consumer Economy

Texas must lead in ethical innovation and digital accountability. **HB 876** called for interstate cybersecurity information-sharing networks. **HB 4018** proposed safeguards around AI in healthcare—ensuring physicians, not algorithms, make final care decisions. **HB 2874** would have required large social media platforms to disclose to users media that was artificially generated—helping users understand what's real and what's not. Additional consumer protections included **HB 860**, the **Consumer Subscription Protection Act**, which made canceling subscriptions easier, and **HB 880**, which ensured that medically necessary debt could not be reported on credit reports—because no one should face financial ruin over a health crisis.

89TH REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Real Results, Real Impact: Legislation That Made It Across the Finish Line

During this regular session, several bills I authored or sponsored were signed into law, turning bold ideas into tangible progress for Fort Bend County and Texas. The bills below passed and reflect our commitment to safety, equity, innovation, and opportunity for all Texans.

Protecting Texans in the Digital Age

Online threats have evolved—and Texas law needed to catch up. **HB 783** now gives victims of **online impersonation** a clear path to justice. If someone misuses your name, voice, or likeness to create a fake social media profile meant to harm or deceive, this law empowers you to sue for damages, attorney’s fees, and court-ordered takedowns. It draws the line between free expression and malicious exploitation.

Building on that foundation, **SB 441** tackles the growing danger of **deep fake intimate images** created or distributed without consent. The law makes such actions a criminal offense, and it holds platforms and payment processors accountable if they fail to remove harmful content. With clear timelines and serious penalties, this legislation helps protect Texans’ dignity in a rapidly changing digital world.



Dr. Lalani and Sen. Juan Hinojosa celebrate the final passage of HB 783, authored by Dr. Lalani, which protects Texans from online impersonation.

Opening Doors to Opportunity

Every young person deserves a second chance—and a future. **SB 1728** expands access to **Jobs and Education for Texans (JET)** grants by allowing juvenile justice agencies to create career and technical education programs. This gives youth in the justice system the tools to re-enter their communities with skills, purpose, and hope.

In higher education, **SB 2055** ensures fairness in the **Texas Leadership Scholars Program** by removing barriers that favored students from select institutions. Now, high-achieving, low-income students across the state will have a clearer path to scholarships and leadership development.

Improving Patient Awareness

When it comes to health, knowledge is power. **SB 1084** updates mammography reporting requirements to align with new federal standards. It ensures patients receive clear, standardized information about **breast density**—a factor that can affect cancer detection—so they can make informed decisions and seek additional screening when needed.



Dr. Lalani visits the Fort Bend County Juvenile Justice Department, an experience that inspired him to file and pass SB 1728, enabling the department to qualify for the JET grant program.

★ ★ ELECTION DAY ★ ★
TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 4TH

POLLS OPEN 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.
ON ELECTION DAY

EARLY VOTING:
OCTOBER 20–OCTOBER 31

LAST DAY TO REGISTER:
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

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OUR 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION BY THE NUMBERS

AS AUTHORED	AS PASSED
Primary Author: 92	Primary Author: 2
Primary Sponsor: 4	Primary Sponsor: 4
Joint Author: 68	Joint Author: 20
Joint Sponsor: 13	Joint Sponsor: 12
Co-Author: 72	Co-Author: 24
Co-Sponsor: 22	Co-Sponsor: 21
TOTAL: 271	TOTAL: 83
VETOES: 0	VETOES: 0



89TH REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Other Notable Legislative Wins

In addition to the previous bills, I was proud to help advance a wide range of policies as a joint or co-author. These bipartisan, people-focused bills span health, education, safety, technology, and energy—and reflect the breadth of what we can accomplish together.

Advocating For Our Seniors

- ✓ **SB 5** creates and funds the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to fund and coordinate care and research.
- ✓ **SB 1283** improves safety transparency in senior retirement communities and empowers residents to report criminal activity.
- ✓ **HB 3595** mandates emergency power, and temperature regulations and safety plans in assisted living facilities during crises.
- ✓ **HB 20** establishes the Applied Sciences Pathway Program—a public-school pipeline that lets students earn a high school diploma and a higher-ed certificate at the same time.
- ✓ **SB 365** shortens the timeline for students to receive a “fresh start” in college admissions from 10 to 5 years.
- ✓ **HB 824** enhances civics instruction in high school government classes.
- ✓ **HB 1188** ensures families of intellectual disability or a developmental delay students receive information on disability services at the first individualized education program (IEP) committee meeting.

Health, Wellness & Crisis Response

- ✓ **HB 5342** establishes the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Trust Fund to strengthen mental health crisis services statewide.
- ✓ **HB 3062** mandates fentanyl and substance abuse education for all incoming college students.
- ✓ **HB 37 (Everly’s Law)** mandates hospitals with maternal care designation to offer bereavement counseling and support devices to families after fetal or neonatal loss.
- ✓ **SB 25** enacts statewide nutrition standards and physical activity requirements in schools, plus nutrition training for healthcare professionals.
- ✓ **SB 31 (Life of the Mother Act)** clarifies medical exceptions in abortion law to protect doctors and pregnant patients in emergencies.
- ✓ **HB 2516 (Chris Larkin ALS Act)** expands access to Medicare supplemental plans for Texans with ALS or end-stage renal disease.
- ✓ **HB 4751** launches the Texas Quantum Initiative to promote innovation in quantum technology and economic development.
- ✓ **HB 150** establishes the Texas Cyber Command to centralize and strengthen state cybersecurity efforts.
- ✓ **HB 149** creates the Texas Responsible AI Governance Act—regulating AI systems and safeguarding privacy rights.
- ✓ **SB 2308** funds FDA-approved clinical trials of ibogaine for opioid use disorder and mental health treatment.
- ✓ **SB 22** launches the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Fund to support film, TV, and digital media production across Texas.

Innovation, Tech, & Cybersecurity

Public Safety

- ✓ **HB 451** strengthens trauma-informed screening to protect children at risk of sexual exploitation.
- ✓ **SB 1316** restricts e-cigarette ads near schools and churches to align with traditional tobacco regulations.
- ✓ **HB 908** improves coordination in missing child cases by requiring law enforcement to notify the national database within two hours.

Education & Student Success

- ✓ **HB 2** delivers \$8.5 billion in new public education funding, the largest in Texas history—including major teacher raises and full-day Pre-K.
- ✓ **HB 27** makes personal financial literacy a high school graduation requirement starting in 2026.

Infrastructure, Energy & Environment

- ✓ **HB 1584** requires utilities to maintain priority restoration lists for hospitals, water plants, and other essential facilities.
- ✓ **HB 5323** creates the Texas Energy Waste Advisory Committee to improve grid reliability and reduce waste statewide.

Public Wellness

- ✓ **SB 2232** designates October 21 as Unplug Texas Day—encouraging families to take a break from screens and explore outdoor recreation

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT VOTERS' GUIDE

Proposition 1

(SJR 59) "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the permanent technical institution infrastructure fund and the available workforce education fund to support the capital needs of educational programs offered by the Texas State Technical College System."

Proposition 2

(SJR 18) "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of a tax on the realized or unrealized capital gains of an individual, family, estate, or trust."

Proposition 3

(SJR 5) "The constitutional amendment requiring the denial of bail under certain circumstances to persons accused of certain offenses punishable as a felony."

Proposition 4

(HJR 7) "The constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of the revenue derived from state sales and use taxes to the Texas water fund and to provide for the allocation and use of that revenue."

Proposition 5

(HJR 99) "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail."

Proposition 6

(HJR 4) "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the legislature from enacting a law imposing an occupation tax on certain entities that enter into transactions conveying securities or imposing a tax on certain securities transactions."

Proposition 7

(HJR 133) "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a veteran who died as a result of a condition or disease that is presumed under federal law to have been service-connected."

Proposition 8

(HJR 2) "The constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing death taxes applicable to a decedent's property or the transfer of an estate, inheritance, legacy, succession, or gift."

Proposition 9

(HJR 1) "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income."

Proposition 10

(SJR 84) "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of the appraised value of an improvement to a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a fire."

Proposition 11

(SJR 85) "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled."

Proposition 12

(SJR 27) "The constitutional amendment regarding the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, the membership of the tribunal to review the commission's recommendations, and the authority of the commission, the tribunal, and the Texas Supreme Court to more effectively sanction judges and justices for judicial misconduct."

Proposition 13

(SJR 2) "The constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$100,000 to \$140,000."

Proposition 14 – SJR 74

The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks.

Proposition 15

(SJR 34) "The constitutional amendment affirming that parents are the primary decision makers for their children."

Proposition 16

(SJR 37) "The constitutional amendment clarifying that a voter must be a United States citizen."

Proposition 17

(HJR 34) "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property located in a county that borders the United Mexican States that arises from the installation or construction on the property of border security infrastructure and related improvements."

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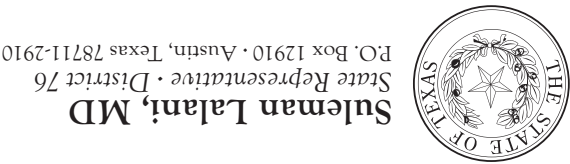
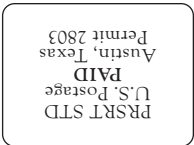
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- 1 What are the three most pressing issues facing our community?
- 2 Are you interested in helping us with legislation? If so, what are your three main interests?

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