



See how **pro-taxpayer** and **pro-property rights** your Texas state legislators were on transportation and property rights legislation in the 89th Session of the Texas State Legislature in 2025.

The overall methodology & list of the bills used to compile this Report Card can be found at the end.

REPORT CARD

Governor Greg Abbott

Abbott's anti-toll campaign promise to 'fix Texas roads without raising taxes, fees, tolls or debt' held up this session. However, our continued criticism of the Governor is his lack of help in getting our reform bills through a stubborn legislature, like capping toll fines and fees and taking the toll off the road once the road is paid for. The new front in the freedom to travel battle is the Green New Deal radical push for remote kill switches in all cars, attacks on fossil fuel powered vehicles (push for EVs to replace all gas powered cars), deliberate slowing of our roads to force changes in behavior (to get you out of your car and into transit, walking or biking), and actually shrinking roads (reducing the lanes available to cars and giving them to cyclists, buses, and pedestrians - which only represents a mere 5-9% of commuters). Abbott's aides tell us the Governor is against these policies, but we need to see actions to help us protect our travel liberties.

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Lt Governor Dan Patrick

While Gov. Patrick helped us block many bad bills from being taken up in the Senate, like the bill to extend the private toll contract on SH 130 another 20 years, he continued to appoint Sen. Robert Nichols a Chair of Senate Transportation. He's a major roadblock to our bills, especially the bill to take the toll off the road when its paid for and has sworn it'll NEVER pass as long as he's the chair. The Lt Gov. also allowed two bills through Senate that would intentionally go against the GOP platform, our Constitution Art I, Sec. 26 that prohibits perpetuities and another bill that increased penalties on drivers. He was also notably absent in helping our pro-driver bills like preventing road diets and remote kill switches from being put in all cars get hearings in committee much less to the senate floor.

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Speaker Dustin Burrows

Burrows' choice to put Rep. Tom Craddick as Chair over House Transportation was a disaster for taxpayers. Craddick has a long record of being for big government, is a big spender, and markedly pro-toll. Virtually all of the bad bills that passed this session originated in the House. The legislature under his leadership passed a bill to extend the private toll corporation's crony toll contract on SH 130 another 20 years (bringing its monopoly on that highway up to 70 years total), a constitutional amendment to unleash new toll authorities across Texas, a digital ID bill, a speed camera ticketing scam, a giveaway to the AV industry & many more than we can cite here. The Speaker allowed these anti-taxpayer bills to get through Craddick's committee, which also held up all but one of our priority bills (and even that one got out so late it never had a prayer of passing), and most made it through the full House. Democrats push anti-car, radical Leftist bills, and rather than protect Texans from these bad bills and fulfill the party platform solidly against such government overreach, he gave them more power, more money, and more control than ever -- causing us to have to expend all of our energy stopping the logjam of horrible bills rather than pass our good ones.

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The House of Representatives

REPORT CARD

House District 6	Daniel	Alders	D
House District 131	Alma	Allen	F
House District 103	Rafael	Anchia	F
House District 9	Trent	Ashby	F
House District 29	Jeff	Barry	F
House District 3	Cecil	Bell	F
House District 4	Keith	Bell	F
House District 123	Diego	Bernal	F
House District 92	Salman	Bhojani	F
House District 24	Greg	Bonnen	F
House District 113	Rhetta	Bowers	F
House District 114	John	Bryant	F
House District 54	Brad	Buckley	F
House District 136	John	Bucy, III	F *
House District 63	Benjamin	Bumgarner	D
House District 112	Angie Chen	Button	F
House District 128	Briscoe	Cain	A **
House District 119	Liz	Campos	F
House District 40	Terry	Canales	F *
House District 98	Giovanni	Caprigilone	F * **
House District 46	Sheryl	Cole	F *
House District 95	Nicole	Collier	F
House District 96	David	Cook	D *
House District 117	Phillip	Cortez	F
House District 82	Tom	Craddick	F *
House District 127	Charles	Cunningham	F *
House District 56	Pat	Curry	F * **
House District 72	Drew	Darby	F
House District 109	Aicha	Davis	F
House District 111	Yvonne	Davis	F
House District 7	Jay	Dean	F
House District 133	Mano	DeAyala	F *
House District 122	Mark	Dorazio	F
House District 142	Harold	Dutton	F
House District 14	Paul	Dyson	F
House District 87	Caroline	Fairly	F
House District 51	Lulu	Flores	F
House District 69	James	Frank	F
House District 38	Erin	Gamez	F
House District 115	Cassandra	Garcia Hernandez	F
House District 124	Josey	Garcia	F

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House District 107	Linda	Garcia	F
House District 28	Gary	Gates	F
House District 17	Stan	Gerdes	F
House District 99	Charlie	Geren	F
House District 120	Barbara	Gervin-Hawkins	F
House District 104	Jessica	Gonzalez	F
House District 75	Mary	González	F
House District 47	Vikki	Goodwin	F
House District 41	Bobby	Guerra	F
House District 31	Ryan	Guillen	F
House District 126	Sam	Harless	F
House District 8	Cody	Harris	F **
House District 52	Caroline	Harris Davila	D
House District 10	Brian	Harrison	A **
House District 57	Richard	Hayes	C **
House District 5	Cole	Hefner	F
House District 143	Ana	Hernandez	F
House District 55	Hillary	Hickland	C **
House District 49	Gina	Hinojosa	F
House District 18	Janis	Holt	C *
House District 64	Andy	Hopper	A **
House District 48	Donna	Howard	F
House District 138	Lacey	Hull	F * **
House District 32	Todd	Hunter	F
House District 73	Carrie	Isaac	C
House District 134	Ann	Johnson	F
House District 147	Jolanda	Jones	F *
House District 100	Venton	Jones	F
House District 58	Helen	Kerwin	C **
House District 88	Ken	King	F *
House District 85	Stan	Kitzman	F
House District 121	Marc	LaHood	F
House District 76	Suleman	Lalani	F
House District 71	Stan	Lambert	F
House District 81	Brooks	Landgraf	F
House District 67	Jeff	Leach	F
House District 23	Terri	Leo-Wilson	F
House District 65	Mitch	Little	A
House District 35	Oscar	Longoria	F
House District 37	Janie	Lopez	F
House District 125	Ray	Lopez	F
House District 30	AJ	Louderback	F
House District 91	David	Lowe	A

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House District 43	J.M.	Lozano	D
House District 118	John	Lujan	F
House District 62	Shelley	Luther	A
House District 22	Christian	Manuel	F
House District 39	Armando "Mando"	Martinez	F
House District 116	Trey	Martinez Fisher	F
House District 80	Don	McLaughlin	F
House District 97	John	McQueeney	F
House District 16	Will	Metcalf	F **
House District 108	Morgan	Meyer	F
House District 105	Terry	Meza	F
House District 2	Brent	Money	B
House District 78	Joe	Moody	F
House District 145	Christina	Morales	F
House District 74	Eddie	Morales	F
House District 148	Penny	Morales Shaw	F
House District 26	Matt	Morgan	C
House District 36	Sergio Jr.	Munoz	F
House District 89	Candy	Noble	F *
House District 60	Mike	Olcott	B
House District 130	Tom	Oliverson	C **
House District 76	Claudia	Ordaz Perez	F
House District 13	Angelia	Orr	F
House District 106	Jared	Patterson	F
House District 129	Dennis	Paul	F *
House District 144	Mary Ann	Perez	F
House District 77	Vincent	Perez	F
House District 21	Dade	Phelan	F
House District 33	Katrina	Pierson	C
House District 70	Mihaela	Plesa	F
House District 42	Richard Peña	Raymond	F
House District 27	Ron	Reynolds	F
House District 61	Keresa	Richardson	B
House District 102	Ana-Maria	Rodriguez Ramos	F
House District 90	Ramon	Romero. Jr.	F
House District 110	Toni	Rose	F
House District 135	Jon	Rosenthal	F
House District 93	Nate	Schatzline	A **
House District 132	Mike	Schofield	D
House District 44	Alan	Schoolcraft	A
House District 66	Matt	Shaheen	D **
House District 11	Joanne	Shofner	B **
House District 146	Lauren Ashley	Simmons	F

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House District 59	Shelby	Slawson	B **
House District 86	John	Smithee	C
House District 68	David	Spiller	D
House District 150	Valoree	Swanson	C
House District 50	James	Talarico	F
House District 84	Carl	Tepper	F
House District 141	Senfronia	Thompson	F
House District 94	Tony	Tinderholt	A
House District 15	Steve	Toth	B
House District 19	Ellen	Troxclair	F
House District 101	Chris	Turner	F
House District 1	Gary	VanDeaver	F
House District 25	Cody	Vasut	C
House District 34	Denise	Villalobos	F
House District 53	Wes	Virdell	A
House District 149	Hubert	Vo	F
House District 140	Armando	Walle	F
House District 139	Charlene	Ward Johnson	F
House District 12	Trey	Wharton	D
House District 20	Terry	Wilson	F
House District 137	Gene	Wu	F
House District 45	Erin	Zwiener	F

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The Senate

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Senate District 6	Carol	Alvarado	D
Senate District 7	Paul	Bettencourt	F *
Senate District 22	Brian	Birdwell	D
Senate District 29	César	Blanco	C
Senate District 25	Donna	Campbell	F *
Senate District 15	Molly	Cook	C **
Senate District 4	Brandon	Creighton	C
Senate District 14	Sarah	Eckhardt	C **
Senate District 24	Pete	Flores	D
Senate District 19	Roland	Gutierrez	D
Senate District 30	Brent	Hagenbuch	D
Senate District 2	Bob	Hall	B **
Senate District 9	Kelly	Hancock	D
Senate District 27	Adam	Hinojosa	D
Senate District 20	Juan "Chuy"	Hinojosa	D
Senate District 17	Joan	Huffman	F *
Senate District 1	Bryan	Hughes	C
Senate District 16	Nathan	Johnson	C **
Senate District 10	Phil	King	D
Senate District 18	Lois	Kolkhorst	C **
Senate District 26	Jose	Menendez	F *
Senate District 11	Mayes	Middleton	B **
Senate District 13	Boris	Miles	C
Senate District 3	Robert	Nichols	F *
Senate District 12	Tan	Parker	D
Senate District 8	Angela	Paxton	C **
Senate District 28	Charles	Perry	F *
Senate District 5	Charles	Schwertner	D
Senate District 31	Kevin	Sparks	C **
Senate District 23	Royce	West	F *
Senate District 21	Judith	Zaffirini	F *

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Our top priorities for the 89th Legislature

- Remove the toll when the road is paid for (toll cessation).
- Expand toll collection reform to ALL toll entities, capping fines/fees, and removing the criminal penalty for unpaid tolls (impounding cars, blocking vehicle registrations).
- Protect Texas drivers from remote kill switches being installed in their vehicles.
- Protect drivers' right to repair (more info here: <https://www.texasturf.org/protect-drivers>).
- Protect Texans from 'road diets' that shrink the number of lanes available to cars and give them to bikes, buses, and pedestrians.

Methodology

There were **25 bills** used to determine the grades of the 89th Legislature. Not all legislators voted on all the bills. Some were strictly committee votes, others were a vote by the full House or full Senate, but might not have made it to a floor vote in the opposite chamber. Below are the bills we scored. Every lawmaker was notified prior to each vote of TURF's opposition and/or support of these bills and why.

NOTE: If a member authored one of our reform bills, that received a step up in their grade. Conversely, if a member authored one of the bad bills, they were downgraded by a step for each one.

ALL GOOD
BILLS

Our Bills & Result

HB 2963 (Capriglione) / SB 2428 (Hall) - Right to Repair bill: A comprehensive bill that mostly applies to electronics but also captures vehicles. Right to Repair addresses a critical component of our ability to maintain freedom of movement. Auto makers now wish to sell you software, not hardware. Manufacturers are designing vehicles with planned obsolescence, like your computer or iPhone, where they just won't support the replacements parts which forces you to buy a new car. Except now you've paid tens of thousands for the vehicle, and either a corporation or the government can stop you from using it. Right to repair ensures that we are able to hire independent professionals to repair our vehicles rather than being forced to pay astronomical prices to manufacturers or dealers to repair. (Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priority #8 Ending Overreach & RPT Platform Plank #199). **Passed and signed by the Governor 6/20.**

HB 2323 (Shaheen) / SB 2324 (Paxton) - Remove the toll when the road is paid for, ends the practice of combining toll projects together into one financial system using 'system financing,' gimmick used to 'show' no toll road is ever paid for. Perpetual tolling violates the Texas Constitution Art. I, Sec. 26 that prohibits perpetuities. **Received hearing March 31, but never brought up for a vote out of committee by Chair Tom Craddick, despite Shaheen having the votes to vote it out.**

SB 137 (Hall) / HB 1333 (Harrison) - Toll billing/collection reform, creates uniform, more transparent billing practices, caps excessive fines and fees, and de-criminalizes an unpaid toll bill. **Never got a hearing in House or Senate Committees.**

SB 381 (Middleton, Hall) / HB 2547 (Cain) - To protect Texas drivers from Biden's federally-mandated remote kill switch being forced into all cars after 2026. SB 381 will prevent vehicle manufacturers at the behest of big government from installing or enabling remote kill switch in Texas vehicles. Any vehicle with remote kill switch technology would not be able to be legally registered in Texas, and the dealer who sells a car with such technology in it could lose their license to sell. (Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priority #8 Ending Overreach & RPT Platform Plank #49) **No hearing in House State Affairs nor Senate Transportation Committee.**

HB 1074 (Schatzline) - Dubbed the 'Right to Drive Act,' which includes protection from vehicles with remote kill switch, right to own/drive a gas powered car, right to drive in a vehicle with human decision-making (vs being forced into autonomous vehicle), and right to repair (will be included in committee substitute). Right to Repair addresses a

critical component of our ability to maintain freedom of movement. Auto makers now wish to sell you software, not hardware. Manufacturers are designing vehicles with planned obsolescence, like your computer or iPhone, where they just won't support the replacements parts which forces you to buy a new car. Except now you've paid tens of thousands for the vehicle, and either a corporation or the government can stop you from using it. Right to repair ensures that we are able to hire independent professionals to repair our vehicles rather than being forced to pay astronomical prices to manufacturers or dealers to repair. (Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priority #8 Ending Overreach & RPT Platform Plank #49) **No hearing in House State Affairs nor Senate Transportation Committee.**

HB 4348 (Capriglione) / SB 1993 (Hall) - To prevent local governments from shrinking the number of lanes available to vehicles on our roadways, commonly known as a 'road diet.' Mayors and local officials in many Texas cities have even declared their intentions to create road scarcity in order to force drivers out of their cars and into mass transit, walking or biking. Road space is being hijacked and handed over to dedicated bus and bike lanes, jutting curbs, and sidewalks -- shrinking or removing the number of lanes available to cars in the process. This bill would protect drivers from the creation of road scarcity and intentional congestion. (Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priority #8 Ending Overreach & RPT Platform Plank #49) **Received a late hearing by Chair Craddick, voted out of committee (too late to get on final calendar); no hearing in Senate Transportation Committee.**

Other Bills used for Report Card on Transportation

Good Bills:

HB 2440 (Curry) - Right to own gas powered car. State can't restrict the purchase or use of a gas-powered vehicle. **Passed and signed by the Governor 6/20.**

BAD Bills:

SB 2722 (Bettencourt) / HB 5177 (DeAyala) - To require all toll revenues collected in Harris County to go to fund road projects only, not become a slush fund for non-road projects at the expense of toll road users (as is currently the case). We'd like to see our toll cessation bill pass (SB 2324/HB2323/HB 2948) which applies to ALL toll entities to use all surplus revenues to pay off toll road debt faster so tolls could be removed faster. Allowing these toll authorities the ability to keep tolls on a road in order to use those surplus toll revenues to pay for other roads elsewhere violates truth in taxation and obscures taxpayers' ability to follow the dollar. It also continues the abuse of targeting users on a toll road to pay extra to drive while others get to use their toll taxes to pay for free roads. So while this bill prevents public officials from using toll revenues for non-road purposes, it still continues the abuses of stealing from Peter to pay for Paul's roads AND keeps the tolls in place forever. Perpetual tolling violates the Texas Constitution Art. I, Sec. 26 that prohibits perpetuities. **Passed Senate. Passed House Committee, died in Calendars. House Bill received hearing in House Committee.**

HJR 144 (Morales, Eddie) - Creation of Regional Mobility Authority (RMA - a toll authority) by a city (instead of a county as is currently in statute). A longstanding controversy in El Paso over the city wishing to create this new duplicative toll bureaucracy versus the county who does not. **Passed the House. Died in the Senate.**

HB 2876 (Gerdes) / SB 1074 (Zaffirini) - To extend the foreign-owned toll contractor SH 130 for another 20 years in exchange for the private operator building an extension from I-35 in New Braunfels to SH 130 built at no cost to the state (however, at tremendous cost to drivers). Extending this contract would gouge Texas drivers for an additional 20 years (to the year 2062) on a road that's already paid for (its debt was wiped out in bankruptcy court in 2017). These private corporations already get taxpayer subsidies/guarantees of all sorts, charge punitively higher tolls, & make all Texas taxpayers pay for any uncollectible tolls. Who benefits the most from a direct connect ramp onto a private toll road? The foreign company making bank on drivers, exploiting the relentless congestion on I-35. Passed House, but stopped in Senate. **Passed the House. Died in the Senate.**

SB 3047 (Gerdes amendment added in the House) - Would have opened the door to private toll road contracts through a different statute. **Passed 2nd reading in the House, Withdrawn on 3rd reading.**

SB 744 (Campbell) / HB 3034 (Craddick) - Creates a school bus camera photo ticketing scheme for passing a school bus with the stop arm out and red lights flashing. Most drivers caught in these photo enforcement scams cannot safely stop when the stop arm first comes out. It's mostly unintentional, minor infractions that cost drivers

millions every year. Dallas County Schools bus camera ticketing bribery scandal put two people in prison and bankrupted the school bus company. Lawmakers just got rid of red light cameras a few years ago, this would bring them back - but on school buses. **Both bills received a hearing in committee; both died in committee.**

SB 2425 (Nichols) - To regulate Autonomous Vehicle manufacturers & commercial operators. Allow state to license and revoke licenses of bad actors. We opposed it based on threats to personal autonomy, it doesn't require a human driver, because it's too permissive, doesn't sufficiently address who is liable in case of accident-- basically a giveaway to industry at expense of public safety. **Passed Senate, amended onto another bill in House (see below).**

SB 2807 (Capriglione amendment) - Text was added as amendment to a totally unrelated vehicle titling bill. Point of order should have been called because the amendment's text was NOT germane to the bill. **Passed both House and Senate. Became law.**

HB 3426 (Capriglione) - To authorize digital IDs. These would be vulnerable to hacking, easy to duplicate and commit fraud, and not secure enough to trust it for being a form of ID for voting. Many Republicans fell for the the language stating it's 'voluntary,' however, nine states turned their 'voluntary' programs into mandatory ones. Violates Plank 49 of Republican Party of Texas platform. **Passed House.**

SB 305 (Perry) / HB 2041 (King) - Adds two new classes of vehicles to the move over law: animal control vehicles and parking enforcement! Drivers can be ticketed up to \$1,250 for these violations! **Passed both House and Senate. Became law.**



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