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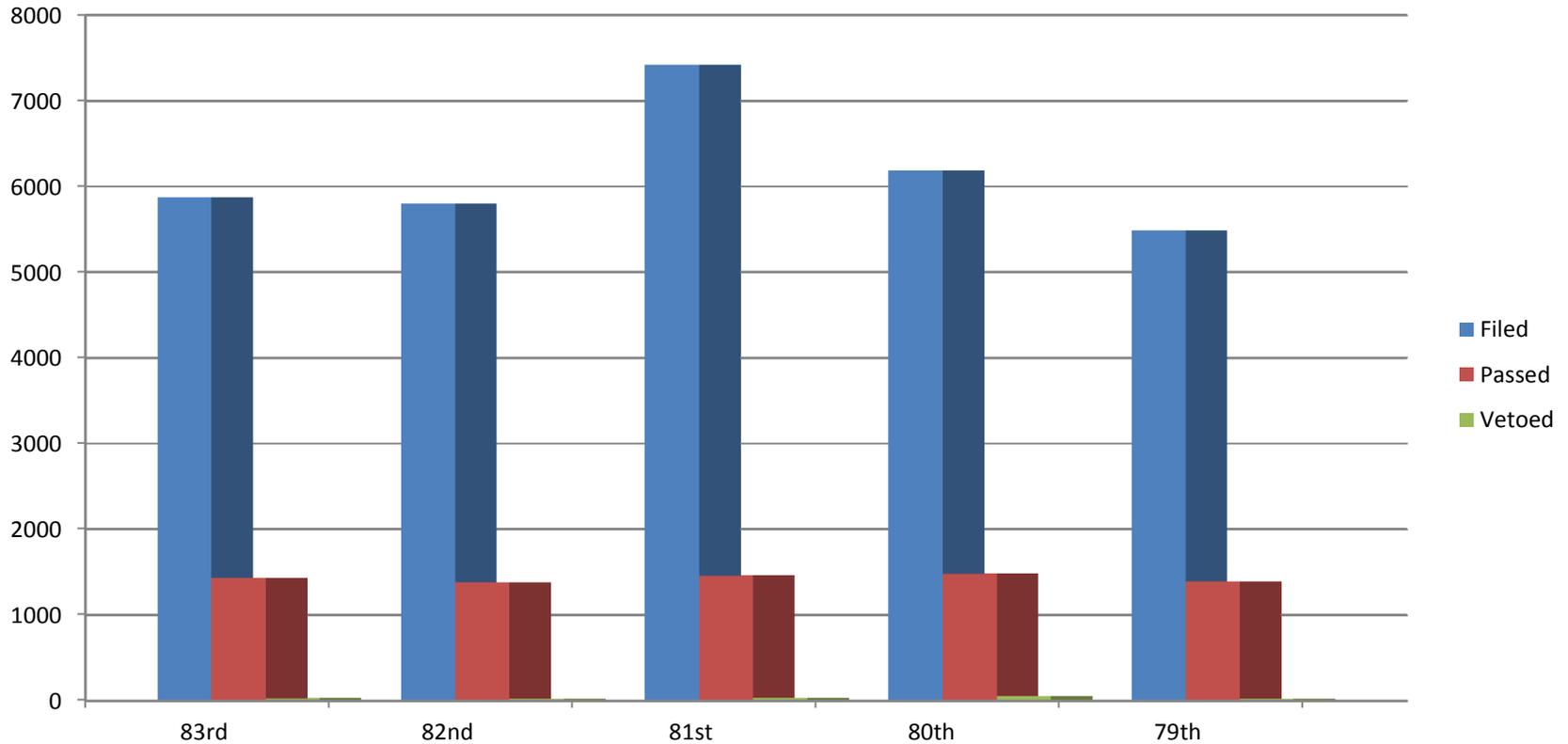


SAEAG Meeting  
November 12, 2014  
Dub Taylor, SECO

# Background

- Legislature meets 140 days every odd-numbered year (plus any Special Sessions)
- 181 Legislators
  - 31 Senators / 150 House Representatives
- 2012 Election Results
  - House: 95R/55D (41 Freshmen)
    - More than ½ of the House had 2 or fewer sessions of experience
  - Senate: 19R/12D (6 Freshmen)
- November 2014 Elections
  - 7/9 statewide offices open
    - Gov, Lt Gov, OAG, CPA, GLO, TDA, RRC
  - Senate: 15/31 seats (3 open)
  - House: 150 seats (12 open)

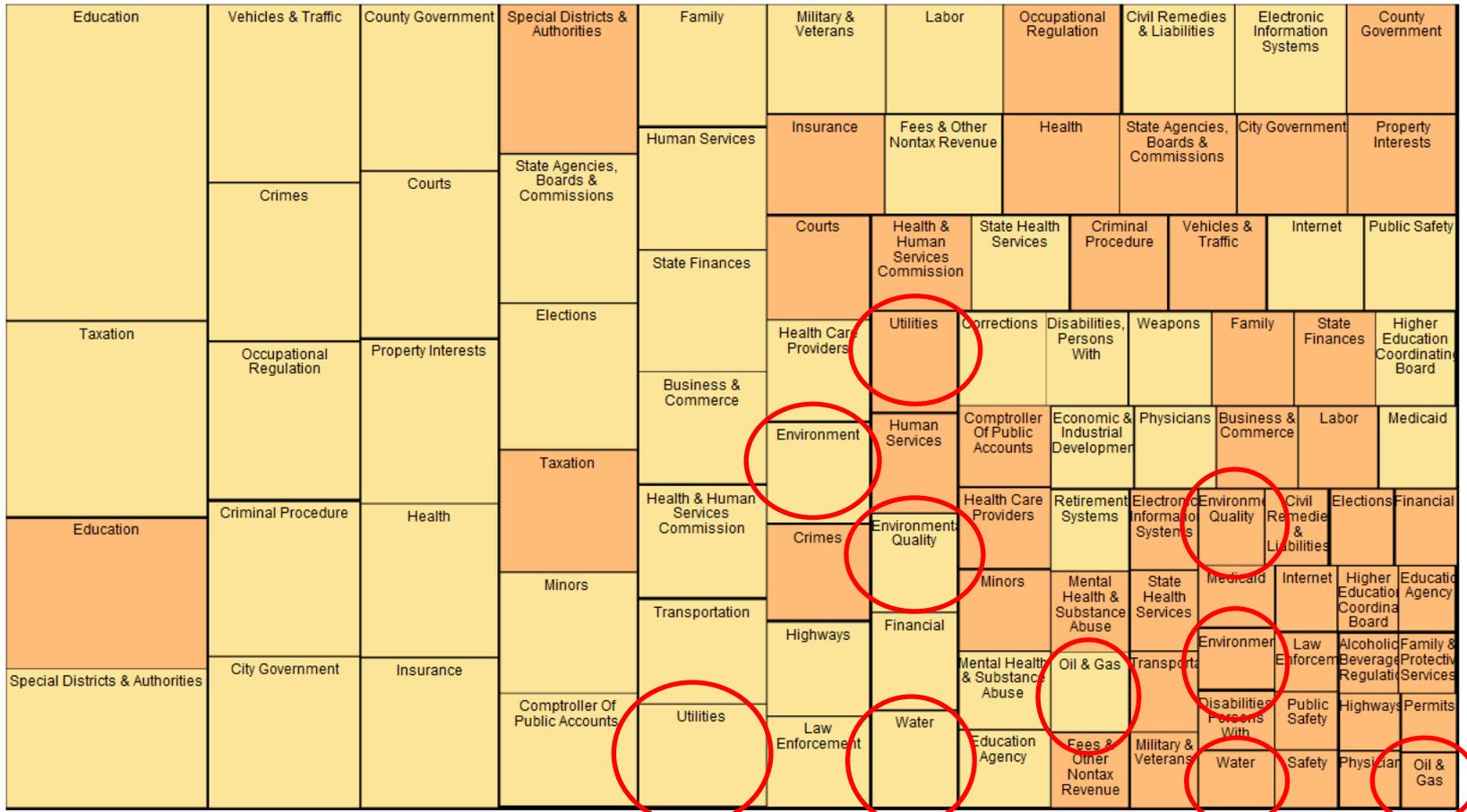
## Historical Comparison of Bills and Resolutions Filed, Passed and Vetoed (83rd-79th Legislatures)



# Bills by Subject

This treemap visualizes the number of bills filed by the most common Texas Legislative Council subjects. Select a category to see all bills for that subject, or select the legend on the right to filter the view by chamber.

House  
Senate



# Energy Efficiency

- **Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) (SB 385 – Carona/Keffer)**
  - Enables commercial and industrial customers to utilize loans repaid through property assessments to fund water and energy efficiency projects, including renewable energy improvements
- **Energy Savings Performance Contracts (SB 533 – Zaffirini/Keffer)**
  - Requires the State Energy Conservation Office and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to review measurement and verification reports applicable to energy savings performance contracts and periodically provide an analysis of the savings realized to the entity that executed the contract and the Legislative Budget Board
- **State Agency and Higher Education Energy and Water Efficiency (SB 700 – Hegar/Kacal)**
  - Requires state agencies and institutions of higher education to set goals for reducing their use of water, electricity, gasoline, and natural gas and include those goals in their comprehensive energy and water management plans

# SB 700 – the journey

- **LBB 2013 GEER (Government Effectiveness and Efficiency Review)**
  - 58 analysis/137 recommendations
  - \$1.9 billion GR/\$2.9 billion all funds savings
- **Natural Resources & Energy**
  - Improve Utility Reporting to Ensure State Entities are Effectively Managing Water Use
    - “Amend statute to codify certain provisions of the 2005 Executive Order relating to state agency energy savings program reporting requirements. SECO would be required to submit a biennial report to the Legislature on the status and effectiveness of utility management and conservation efforts.”*

# SB 700 – the journey (summary)

**Stage 1:** Bill filed by Senator Hegar on 2/21/2013.

**Stage 2:** 3/18/2013

Bill reported out of Senate committee on Government Organization with vote of 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Present Not Voting, 1 Absent.

**Stage 3:** 3/27/2013

Bill passed the Senate with 30-0 (viva voce vote)

**Stage 4:** 4/30/2013

Bill reported out of House committee on Government Efficiency & Reform with vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Present Not Voting, 0 Absent.

**Stage 5:** 5/16/2013

Bill passed the House with record vote 116 Ayes, 25 Nays, 3 PNV.

**Stage 6:** 6/14/2013

Bill signed by the Governor.

**Stage 7:** Bill becomes law. Effective on 9/1/13.

# SB 700 – the journey (detail)

<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillsLookup/Actions.aspx?LegSess=83R&Bill=SB700>



# But wait...its SB59

SECTION 58. Subchapter I, Chapter 2166, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2166.409 to read as follows:

- Sec. 2166.409. STATE AGENCY ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM.
  - a) Each state agency shall develop a plan for conserving energy that includes a percentage goal for reducing the agency's use of electricity, gasoline, and natural gas.
  - b) Each state agency shall file a quarterly report with the governor and the Legislative Budget Board listing the goals identified in the agency's energy conservation plan and a description of the progress made by the agency in meeting those goals. The report must include ideas for additional energy savings developed by the agency.
  - c) Each state agency shall make the report required under Subsection (b) available to the public by posting the report in a conspicuous place on the agency's Internet website.

# To really harmonize - now what?

- Rescind/amend RP 49
  - Executive action
- Repeal newly-enacted Gov't Code 2166.409
  - Legislative action
- Modify, if needed, Gov't Code 447.009
  - Legislative action
- Amend 34 TAC, Chapter 19, “Subchapter B State Facility and Water Management”
  - Administrative action

# Questions?

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