

## KEY BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE 82<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATURE

Presented below are summaries of bills introduced in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature that address H-GAC legislative issues.

### Regional Planning Issues

**HB 664 (Larson)—Metropolitan Planning Organizations:** would provide that, to be eligible to be a voting member of a metropolitan planning organization policy board, a member must be an elected official. *Left pending in Transportation Committee.*

**SB 336 (Gallegos)—Regional Planning Commissions:** would require that Harris County withdraw from H-GAC by November 1, 2011. Harris County would be authorized to form a regional planning commission with cities located wholly or partly in Harris County, but not with any other County. *Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs.*

### County Development Authority

**SB 136 (Wentworth)—County Development Authority:** would: (1) grant counties additional authority over transportation planning through the subdivision process; and (2) in a subdivision that is not served by fire hydrants as part of a centralized water system certified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as meeting minimum standards for water utility service, allow a commissioners court to require a developer to construct a limited fire suppression system for certain subdivisions. *Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs.*

### Environmental

**HB 571 / SB 160 (Huberty) – Aggregate Production:** would: 1) require aggregate producers and miners to register with the TCEQ before extracting aggregates; 2) require aggregate extraction site visits by the TCEQ; and 3) grant TCEQ the authority to assign fees and penalties. (Passed by House; Passed by Senate)

### Transportation and Transportation Funding

**SB 102 (Davis) – Texas Emission Reduction Program (TERP):** would: 1) add and fund monitoring requirements to be conducted by the TCEQ; and 2) set aside 5% of funding for a clean fleet program. *Referred to Natural Resources Committee*

**HB 1145 (Geren) – Projects Funded Through TERP:** would allow for air monitors to be funded through the Texas Emission Reduction Program (\$7 million in 2012, and \$3 million in 2013). *Out of House Committee*

**HB 630 (Pickett)—Environmental Review:** would permit TxDOT, counties and regional mobility and toll authorities to enter into funding agreements with state and federal agencies to expedite transportation project environmental review. *Passed by House.*

**H.B. 1131 (Larson)—Transportation Funding:** would provide that: money that is required to be used for public roadways by the Texas Constitution or federal law and that is deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund be used only: (a) to improve the state highway system; or (b) to mitigate adverse environmental effects that result directly from construction or maintenance of a state highway. *Pending in Transportation Committee.*