

## 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 regional planning and environmental legislative issues of concern to H-GAC.

### Regional Planning Issues

**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 Relations Committee)

**S.B. 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 (TCEQ) 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 Relations Committee)

### Environmental

**SB 102 (Davis) – Texas Emission Reduction Program:** 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 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 through 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 through Committee)

**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. (Referred to Transportation Committee)