



LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Aerospace Industry

Support for the Texas Space Commission growth and Texas Aerospace Research and Space Energy Consortium (TARSEC) and its projects.
Support for Texas Aerospace Scholars (TAS) and Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP).

Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG)

Support a \$1.5M DEAAG Grant, specifically support for a running track and athletic facility at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base.

Education and Workforce Development

Support funding for K-12 to meet Texas's business needs, student growth, and teacher retention. Support Community College requests to support the successful outcomes-based funding model. Support the unique needs of each university.

Energy

Support legislation to stabilize the grid by prioritizing natural gas usage concurrent with renewable sources of electricity.
Support legislation to expand the use and development of nuclear energy.

Healthcare Services

Support expansion of Texas' mental healthcare funding for prevention and intervention. Support medical research at Texas' universities and academic health centers. Support backup emergency systems.

Public Safety

Support the Regional Training and Emergency Coordination Center.

Small Business

Support legislation to allow collective insurance coverage for all liability including flooding and continuity costs. The legislation would be similar to the healthcare small business legislation.
Support to establish an alternative insurance program, modeled after the FAIR Plan.

Storm Surge Suppression and Flood Mitigation

Support for Gulf Coast Protection District.
Support for the Gulf Coast Protection Account HB1089.
Support for the state flood plan. Encourage continuing efforts to focus on flood mitigation.

Transportation and Infrastructure

Support of essential roads and bridges (hurricane evacuation routes and freight transportation).
Support legislation to create a fund to maintain port waterways and dredging.

BAHEP's legislative agenda for the 89th Legislative Session was developed collaboratively and iteratively among its 300+ regional member organizations and partners. To be included on the priority agenda, a proposal must contribute in all the following domains: sustained regional economic growth, improved quality-of-life, enhanced resilience and risk mitigation, and a positive return-on-investment to the State of Texas.

