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THE TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

~representing 2,500 members~
builders, architects, engineers, building owners & managers

asks your support for high performance building in the 85th session



High performance building is integral to *triple bottom line solutions* that strike a balance between *environmental, social and economic prosperity*.

Energy Conservation

- Energy and Water Management Planning: SECO to support state agencies and higher education institutions. SB 59, Zaffirini
 - Will facilitate SECOs assistance to state agencies' energy management planning.
- LED Light Bulbs in State Buildings. SB 410, Watson
 - Will save the state money, and have almost immediate payback.
- Energy Saving Performance Contracts: expands applicability of ESPCs. HB 1571 Paddie
 - Will facilitate energy-saving projects for local governments.

Water

- Rainwater Harvesting: Supports a tax abatement for the value of a property's rainwater harvesting system. HB 1334, Isaac
 - Will incentivize use of rainwater, an available free resource.
- Green Infrastructure: Supports a TCEQ study of green infrastructure for stormwater management. HB 1536, Farrar
SB 2026, Rodriguez
 - Will facilitate a study of green stormwater infrastructure and report on future options.

USGBC's mission is to transform the way building and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life.



The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to transforming the way our buildings are designed, constructed and operated around the world. At USGBC, we work with government, member businesses and allied organizations to support policies and programs that advance greener buildings and communities.

Our past advocacy successes include:

84th Legislative Session

- **HB 1184**, filed by Representative Paddie. Authorized utility cost savings and alternative fuel programs.
- **HB 1736**, filed by Representative Villalba. Adopted IECC 2015 energy code for residential and commercial buildings.
- **HB 1902**, filed by Representative Howard. Contributed to the regulation and expansion of permissible greywater use.

83rd Legislative Session

- **SB 198**, filed by Senator Watson. Allowed members of homeowner's associations the freedom to utilize water-efficient landscaping.
- **SB 385**, filed by Senator Carona. Gave commercial building owners the ability to fund energy and water efficiency projects through property assessments.
- **SB 700**, filed by Senator Hegar. Allowed certain money in the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan to fund an energy efficiency grant program for schools.
- **HB 227**, filed by Representative Larson. Included funding for water conservation, re-use and education as a part of 2012 State Water Plan.