



# TEXAS

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

Representing 2,500 members  
builders, architects, engineers, building owner & managers,  
and community members

**asks your support for  
high-performance building  
in the 87th session**

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

### Water Quality

- Relating to testing for lead contamination in schools with lead piping
  - Will protect Texas children from the devastating toxic effects of lead poisoning.

HB 303  
Collier /  
HB 2038  
Talarico /  
HB 605  
Gerwin-  
Hawkins

### Air Quality

- Relating to air filtration efficiency standards at primary and secondary education and child-care facilities
  - Will decrease the prevalence of childhood respiratory diseases like asthma

HB 351  
Talarico

### Water Conservation

- Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the portion of the appraised value of a person's property that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of certain water conservation systems.

HB 186  
Zweiner

### Energy Efficiency

- Relating to energy efficiency goals for electric utilities.

SB 243  
Eckhardt /  
HB 4556  
Anchia

### Resiliency

- Relating to information on projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.

SB 306  
Eckhardt /  
HB 1949  
Crockett

HB 2275  
Zwiener







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:

### **85th Legislative Session**

- **SB 59**, filed by Senator Zafferini. SECO will support state agencies in setting energy and water efficiency goals and creating plans to meet them.
- **HB 1571**, filed by Representative Paddie. Extends the application of Energy Savings Performance Contracts for local governments.
- **HR 2090**, filed by Representative Lozano. Resolution in support of green schools.

### **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.
- **HR 1617**, filed by Representative Strama. Resolution commending the Texas Chapters of the U.S. Green Building Council for promoting green building practices.