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## Memorandum

**Memorandum No: 25-103**

**Date:** January 15, 2025

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**From:** Ryan Henderson, City Manager 

**Re:** Start of 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session and Interim Committee Reports

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Yesterday marked the start of the 89<sup>th</sup> State of Texas Legislative Session. The last day of the regular session is June 2, 2025. Members of the House of Representatives elected Dustin Burrow (R-Lubbock) as their speaker by a vote of 85-55 with nine members present but not voting. The Speaker will appoint committees and preside over floor debates throughout the session. Today and tomorrow, the House is expected to vote on their Rules of Procedure that will govern the body's work for the session.

The Comptroller also released his Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) yesterday, as required by the Texas Constitution. The BRE forms the basis of the state budget for the coming biennium. The State is projected to have \$194.6 billion in revenue available for general-purpose spending during the 2026-27 biennium, a 1.1% decrease from the previous biennium. For the first time in its history the Economic Stabilization Fund (or Rainy Day Fund) is estimated to exceed its constitutional cap at the start of fiscal year 2026, absent any legislative appropriations. Sales tax collections are expected to make up 61% of the general revenue and the BRE expects sales tax revenue to increase 9% from the last biennium.

Committee reports from Interim Charges continue to be released for the 89th Legislatures' consideration. Senator Angela Paxton served on the Senate Committee on Finance which reviewed 5 charges; the first being "continue cutting property taxes and monitor property tax relief." The Senate Committee on Local Government was charged with reporting on additional property tax relief and reform as well as the implementation of SB 2038 and HB 3053 related to extra territorial jurisdictions. The report has not yet been released. Representative Jeff Leach served on the House Committee for Criminal Jurisprudence with the charges to monitor agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and examine the shift in criminalization of children by human traffickers into other criminal enterprises.

The Governor should announce his list of emergency items very soon as these items are the only legislation that can move for the first 60 days of the session.

The Texas Municipal League and city staff will continue to review incoming interim reports as well as new committee assignments.

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