



NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

REPRESENTATIVE JIM MURPHY

A Note from Jim...

A big thank you to all who came out for the Town Hall last Saturday. We had over 200 people show up to voice their concerns and share their thoughts. We really value your input and are working hard to make sure everything is properly addressed here in Austin.

The budget, education and immigration were the most discussed issues during our Town Hall. [Click to track the Appropriations](#) committee as well as the subcommittees within Appropriations on [Health & Human Services-Article II](#) and [Education-Article III](#). Health and Human Services and Education comprise about 74% of our state's total budget according to the Legislative Budget Board. By following the links above, you can view which bills are being discussed and where they are in the process of becoming law.

This week, I had two bills referred to committees. House Bill 611 will be discussed in the *Government Efficiency & Reform* committee and House Bill 701 will be discussed in the *Ways & Means* committee. More details about these bills are below.

We hope you will continue to follow what is going on in the committee hearings, and let us know your thoughts and opinions.

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Legislation Update...

Click below to follow our bills already assigned to committees. The hearing dates are not yet set.

[H.B. 611 - Tax Dollar Accountability](#)

- Reduce government and create jobs
- Preserve a competitive market

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- Reduce government and create jobs
- Preserve a competitive market
- Taxpayers can see their money at work

H.B. 701 - Small Business Tax Relief

- Extension of tax exemption for thousands of small businesses
- Relieve businesses from tax burdens and allow for recovery from economic instability
- Will help job growth in Texas and allow businesses to prosper

Follow all the bills I have authored or co-authored.

Other Bills of Note:

H.B. 12 - Sanctuary Cities

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