



## **Weekly Capitol Report Newsletter**

**Week 11 - March 28, 2025**



### **A Note from Rep. Dean**

On Monday, the House Committee on Energy Resources heard 9 bills and several testimonies. Notably, the Committee fostered discussions

over the use of produced water within our State.

On Wednesday, the House Committee on Insurance heard 10 bills, 2 of which being my own. We heard several testimonies from Insurance and Healthcare professionals and other Texans. More updates on the Committee proceedings follow below.

The Manufacturing Caucus is still continuing to grow with 77 members joining the effort to highlight advancements in the industry as well as spotlighting Caucus members' bills that will be helpful.

As always, my staff and I are here for you. Please let us hear from you!

God Bless,  
Jay Dean

## **Legislative Update**

**This week, I laid out 5 bills in front of several different Committees:**

- **On Wednesday, I laid out 2 bills in front of the Insurance Committee:**
  - HB 139 - Offering more lower cost options for health plans provided by small business employers.
  - HB 3211 - Ensures greater access to in-network eye doctors

- HB 2522 - Removes unnecessary red tape regulations on DMV-licensed dealers, simplifying the sales process for non-motor vehicles such as trailers, and reducing costs for both businesses and consumers.
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- HB 2686 - Removes unnecessarily burdensome red tape in the registration process for frac tanks, extending same benefits as other industrial units.



## **Special Interest: Lake O' the Pines and other area's lakes**

**Metroplex cities are trying to buy water rights from Lake O' the Pines and other area's lakes.**

What you need to know:

- - Sale of Water Rights is permanent! East Texas would lose control and ownership of our own water!
- - The depletion of Lake O' the Pines threatens downstream bodies like Caddo Lake.
- - Please sign the petition below and encourage your local elected officials to speak out against this sale!

## Sign the Petition!

I want to give a sincere thanks on behalf of East Texas to the cities of Daingerfield and Lone Star for passing resolutions stating they would vote to NOT sell our water rights! Your commitment to protecting our region, your respect for the people who live here and your dedication to preserving our natural resources is appreciated more than words can express! We are still anxiously awaiting resolutions from Avinger, Hughes Springs, Jefferson, Ore City and Pittsburg.

RECENT UPDATE: Monday evening, the Director of NETMWD and the architect of the plan to take our water from Lake O' the Pines and give it to Dallas has resigned! Wayne Owens has stepped down! While this is certainly a battle won and a victory we should celebrate, the war is not over and there will still be a vote by the 7 cities on whether they will sell or not.

But, this is a HUGE victory for us in East Texas and I'm so incredibly proud to have such an outstanding group of amazing citizens standing shoulder to shoulder with me fighting to save our lakes. I also want to give a huge thanks to Lake O' the Pines Chamber of Commerce and The Caddo Lake Institute for their dedication and leadership in this process.

We still have work to do but progress is being made! THANK YOU EAST TEXAS! LET'S SAVE OUR LAKES!

## **Weekly Highlight**



On Tuesday, I had the great privilege to recognize Finn Florczykowski and his parents Dan and Paula from Longview on the Texas House Floor. The Florczykowski family founded Finn's Friends, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing assistance to families of those affected by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, in response to their son's diagnosis. Our office had a great time visiting with the family and are proud to have such an impactful organization in House District 7!

## **Special Visitors**

**This week, my office welcomed some very special visitors from House District 7**



**EASTEX Telephone Coop.**  
CEO Rusty Dorman and Board Members



**Chad Jones of Wellness Pointe**  
From Longview, TX



**Texas Realtors**  
Representing Gregg, Harrison, and Marion Counties



**Charlotte Jackson, Jackie Farmer, and Brenda McKinney with  
Longview Gregg County Retired Teachers Association**  
From Longview, TX



**Becky Cerliano and Cynthia Ward with the Retired Teachers Association**

From Longview and Gladewater, TX



**Derrick Todd with Gum Spring Water Supply Corp. and Mark Rogers with Elderville Water Supply Corp.**

From Hallsville and Longview, TX



**Craig Sherwood and Dr. Art Morchat with Liberty City Water Supply Corp.**

From Longview and Gladewater, TX



**Marshall Christian Academy students and staff**  
From Marshall, TX



**Matthew Scott Davidson with Lubbock Christian University**  
From Marshall, TX



**Roxanne Stevenson with The Martin House**  
From Longview, TX

## **Committees**

### **The House Committee on Insurance**

As I have mentioned before, our guiding principles will continue to be:

- ❑ **1. Reduce the cost of insurance** by identifying key cost drivers and implementing solutions to rein them in.
- ❑ **2. Cut regulations and mandates** that are driving up the cost of insurance.
- ❑ **3. Eliminate waste and fraud** in the insurance system that has been rampant for too many years.
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4. Identify ways to deliver insurance more effectively and efficiently.

5. Increasing transparency for the insurance consumer.

6. Protect insurance consumers.

That's it. I plan to keep it simple and be a voice for the Texas Insurance customers. Now let's get to work.

This week, the House Insurance Committee passed out our first bill of the Session: HB 138 which would provide for a cost analysis of new health insurance mandates so that the Legislature can make better, informed decisions. This is good for patients and transparency. Looking forward to moving the bill to the House floor and then working with the Senate!

## House Committee on Energy Resources

On Monday, the House Committee on Energy Resources also voted out our first bill of the Session: HB 1285 by Geren which relates to the inspections and examinations by the Railroad Commission of Texas of certain sites and facilities conducted using unmanned aircraft.



## Manufacturing Caucus

This session, I was selected to lead the House Manufacturing Caucus. Unlike Committees, Caucuses do not hear bills, but instead are a work group to allow members to work together to support particular interests. As Chair of the Manufacturing Caucus, I hope to advance additional manufacturing jobs right here in Texas and enhancing our State's marketplace. Did you know, on average, each manufacturing job created in Texas provides 5 additional jobs in our communities?

Our Caucus is steadily growing (77 members now!) who are committed to joining the effort to highlight advancements in the industry as well as spotlighting Caucus members' bills that will be helpful.



**I want to hear from you!**

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