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AREAS OF FOCUS

For the 2025 Legislative Session



During the legislative session, Texas has the opportunity to continue its forward momentum with policies that advance our state's economic growth and shared prosperity. Policy opportunities below represent the emerging, data-driven opportunities to strategically invest in our infrastructure, our people and our economic future.

Water Infrastructure



Reality for Texans Today Policy Opportunity Create a dedicated revenue Texas faces a long-term American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) water supply deficit if it stream to address long-term grades for Texas: does not develop economic needs for drinking water infrastructure enough new water continuous, adequate water supplies and reliable supplies and is hit with infrastructure. another long, severe D wastewater infrastructure drought. In addition, aging water systems in need of repairs place a significant strain on our will need to be spent on water state's resources. needs over the next 50 years

College and Career Readiness



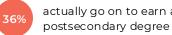
Reality for Texans Today

Recent changes to the K-12 and community college funding systems have the potential to dramatically accelerate the number of Texas students earning a postsecondary degree or credential. However, these updates have **not yet been fully aligned for maximum impact.**



high school graduation rate

of graduates achieve college or career readiness benchmarks



actually go on to earn a

Policy Opportunity

Ensure the K-12 system is aligned with workforce demands and incentivizing opportunities for students to earn a family-sustaining wage upon high school graduation.

Improve the quality of mathematics instruction to prepare students with the math skills needed to be successful and competitive in the 21st century.

Health Care Affordability

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Reality for Texans Today

With the rise in health care unaffordability and nearly 5 million Texans uninsured, **barriers to coverage and**

affordability include

awareness of programs, inaccurate perceptions of affordability, and inefficient, bureaucratic enrollment processes.

Unemployment and

formerly incarcerated

Texans are significant

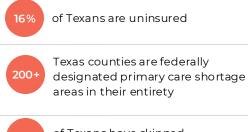
problems that affect

economic, and public

the state's fiscal,

safety goals.

recidivism among



of Texans have skipped needed care due to cost

Policy Opportunity

Improving transparency and streamlining state regulations to align incentives could make health care more affordable.

Creating express lane eligibility, modernize and optimize advertising regulations and evaluate a state-based exchange to address eligible but uninsured Texans.

Improving Correctional Education, Workforce Readiness



Reality for Texans Today



the unemployment rate for formerly incarcerated Americans

43% less likely inmates correctio

less likely to recidivate when inmates participate in a correctional education program

Policy Opportunity

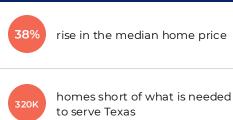
Expand access to workforce aligned credentials will help incarcerated adults find jobs post release. Improve state data integration between TDCJ, THECB, and TWC to better evaluate outcomes and improve programmatic offerings.

Housing Supply and Affordability



Reality for Texans Today

Lower housing costs have historically been a competitive advantage for our state, but homeownership is becoming increasingly out of reach for middle class Texans.



Policy Opportunity

To increase housing supply and affordability, reform outdated petition processes, reduce regulatory barriers and embrace innovation in building design and materials.

Other Areas of Engagement

Childcare	Energy Expansion	Emerging Technologies
To improve access to childcare, the state needs to improve Texas Workforce Commission data systems with a focus on timeliness, interoperability, and regional needs.	Promote a regulatory and economic environment that will foster an all-of-the- above solution to meet the state's long-term energy needs.	Prepare Texas to lead in the responsible adoption and growth of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence and advanced air mobility.