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Texas Business Group Grades Legislative Issues Critical to Business
“Results” Gives Employers Snapshot of the 80th Legislative Session

AUSTIN – The Texas Association of Business (TAB) today released its’ biennial “Results” – a wrap-up of the wins and losses of the legislative session – calling the 140-day session a success for employers and continued job growth in Texas.

“The Texas Legislature has a direct effect on the success or failure of the Texas economy,” said TAB President & CEO, Bill Hammond. “When legislation is passed that hampers the ability of employers to run their business, it directly affects everything from job creation to the price for goods and services.”

The Texas Association of Business lobby team testified or made their position known on more than 600 legislative proposals on issues that matter most to the employers of this state.

Earning the highest mark of the session is the issue of “Taxes and Spending.” With the passage of key proposals such as the TIF Repeal (HB 735) and Small Business Tax Fairness Bill (HB 3928) that provides additional tax relief for small business, legislators earned an “A” for their efforts.

The “Results” publication is divided by issues as well as wins and losses. Wins are bills that passed in which TAB supported or bills that TAB opposed that were killed. Conversely, “Losses” account for both bills that were bad for business, which passed, and the measures supported by business that died in the legislative process.

While not every bill that TAB supported or opposed is presented in this document, the report is a snapshot of the many proposals in which TAB was the voice of business at the Capitol.

“Overall, this was a good session with many victories for Texans and Texas businesses,” said Hammond. “TAB strives, day-in and day-out, to reach the goal of making Texas the best business climate in the world. While there is still much work ahead, the 80th Regular Session made much progress in the areas of taxes, health care, and general business.”

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“Our thanks goes to the Texas Legislators who continue to support the issues that matter most to the employers of Texas,” added Hammond.

The TAB “Results” publication is available on-line at www.txbiz.org. The voting record of individual legislators on key business votes for the 80th Legislature will be released this fall.

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Founded in 1922, the Texas Association of Business is a broad-based, bipartisan organization representing more than 140,000 small and large Texas employers and 200 local chambers of commerce.