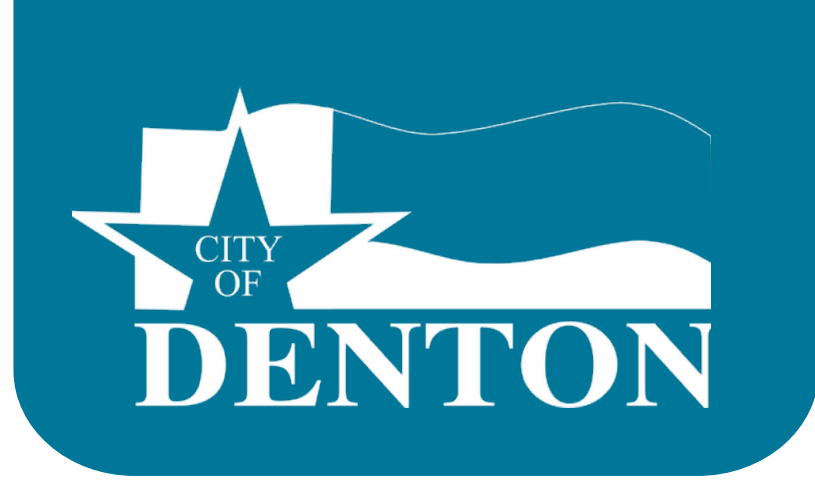




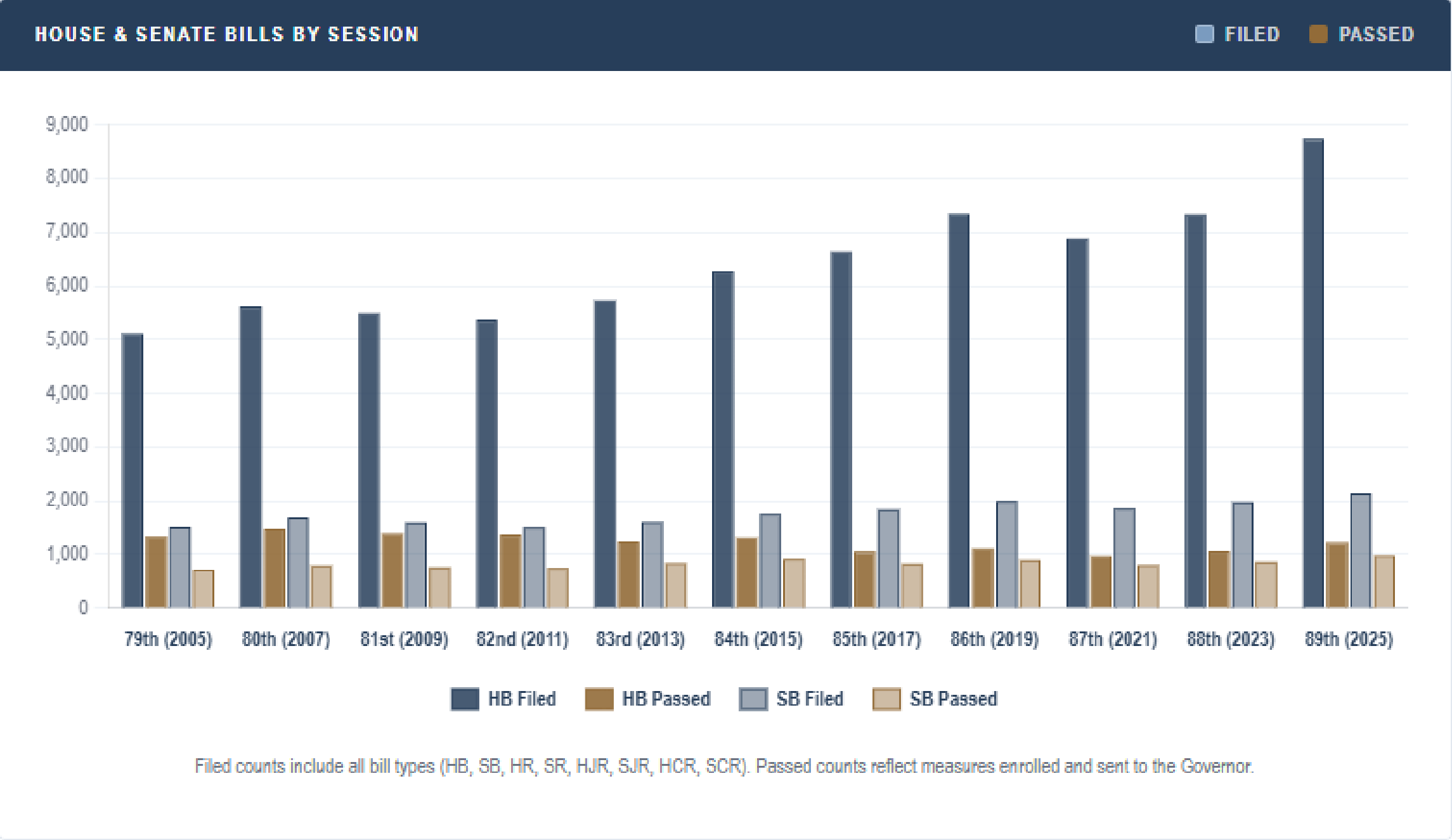
90th Legislative Session



Kristi Fogle, Chief of Staff

Texas Legislature

- The Texas Legislature meets for 140 days every two years



The 89th Recap

- A record-breaking **8,731** bills were filed; 1,222 were passed
 - Record-low pass rate of 14%
- Over **1,700** city-related bills filed
 - **262** bills directly impacting cities passed
- **711** bills tracked by the City
 - **229** bills directly impacting the City of Denton passed



Key Dates

November 9, 2026

Bill pre-filing begins

January 12, 2027

Session Opening Day

March 12, 2027

Last Day to File Bills

May 31, 2027

Session ends, Sine Die

Key Issues

- **Preemption & Home Rule**

- State preemption of local authority remains a top threat. Bills restricting municipal zoning, short-term rentals, tree preservation, and rights-of-way management are expected.

- **Property Tax & Finance**

- Continued pressure on municipal revenue caps, appraisal reform, and limits on Certificates of Obligation, Impact Fees, and General Fund Transfers will require active monitoring and engagement

- **Growth & Infrastructure**

- Rapid population growth, data centers, and water supply strains are driving new legislation affecting land use, utilities, and transportation funding

Bringing Legislative Services in-House

Delivering higher-quality legislative support at a lower overall cost

PREVIOUS APPROACH

Third-Party Consultant

- External lobbyist engaged on the City's behalf
- Limited internal knowledge building
- Less control over advocacy messaging
- Consulting contract costs



NEW APPROACH

In-House Team

- Dedicated City staff leading advocacy directly
- Deeper institutional knowledge and continuity
- Greater control over City's legislative voice
- Supported by sophisticated bill-tracking technology
- Ability to contract on an as-needed basis with issue area experts
- Increased Council engagement

Legislative Team

Denton's in-house legislative team will lead all advocacy, bill-monitoring, and stakeholder engagement during the 90th session.



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Legislative Tracking Software

In lieu of an outside consultant, the City will contract with a highly sophisticated bill-tracking and government affairs platform used by leading municipalities and government agencies nationwide.

Real-Time Bill Tracking

Monitor every bill filed in the Texas Legislature as it moves through committees and floor votes automatically.

Smart Alerts

Receive instant notifications when bills relevant to Denton are filed, amended, scheduled for hearing, or voted on.

Legislator Intelligence

Access detailed profiles on legislators, committee assignments, voting history, and key staff contacts.

Reporting & Analytics

Generate reports on bill activity, issue areas, and legislative trends to keep Council informed throughout the session.

Stakeholder Engagement

Track and coordinate outreach to legislators, coalition partners, and peer cities on shared legislative priorities.

Issue Management

Organize bills by issue area and map them directly to Denton's Legislative Program positions.

Legislative Program

90th Texas Legislative Session | Preview & Feedback

The following slides present the City of Denton's proposed Legislative Program for Council review.

Staff is seeking input on priorities, positions, and any items Council wishes to add, remove, or modify.

Our Guiding Principles

The City of Denton's legislative efforts are guided by five core principles that shape every Support or Oppose position in the program.



Foster strong partnerships with state leaders, regional partners, and community institutions.



Support investments in infrastructure, public safety, and economic opportunity.



Advance the health, safety, and well-being of Denton residents.



Support accountable and transparent local government principles and decision-making.



Ensure strong financial stewardship to support dependable, high-value services for residents.

Active Legislative Priorities

The City of Denton is actively pursuing legislation on the following high-priority items:

First Responder Retirement & Property Tax Benefits

The City supports legislation providing full retirement benefits and expanded property tax exemptions to first responders catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

Housing Authority Reform (Ch. 392)

The City supports amending Chapter 392 to ensure the legislature's prior changes to Chapter 303 Public Facility Corporations also apply to Public Facility Corporations and partnerships created under Chapter 392.

Public Information Request Clarification

The City supports clarifying PIR requirements regarding the release of records involving deceased suspects versus deceased victims.

Qualified Hotel Project Program Extension

The program is set to expire. The City supports extending it to preserve a critical economic development tool for municipalities.

Legislative Positions

Staff will monitor bills in these areas and make known the City's Support or Opposition if legislation is introduced.

Taxation & Finance

- ▲ Municipal debt issuance authority
- ▼ Restrictions on COs; limits on tax and fee authority.

Community & Partnerships

- ▲ Mental health access; homelessness services; public school and higher education funding; local decision-making authority.

Land Use & Development

- ▲ ETJ authority; local control over lot sizes, density, ADUs.
- ▼ Restrictions on annexation, zoning, building codes, STRs, rights-of-way.

Transportation & Aviation

- ▲ Multimodal transportation funding; local project flexibility; aviation capital investment.

City Services

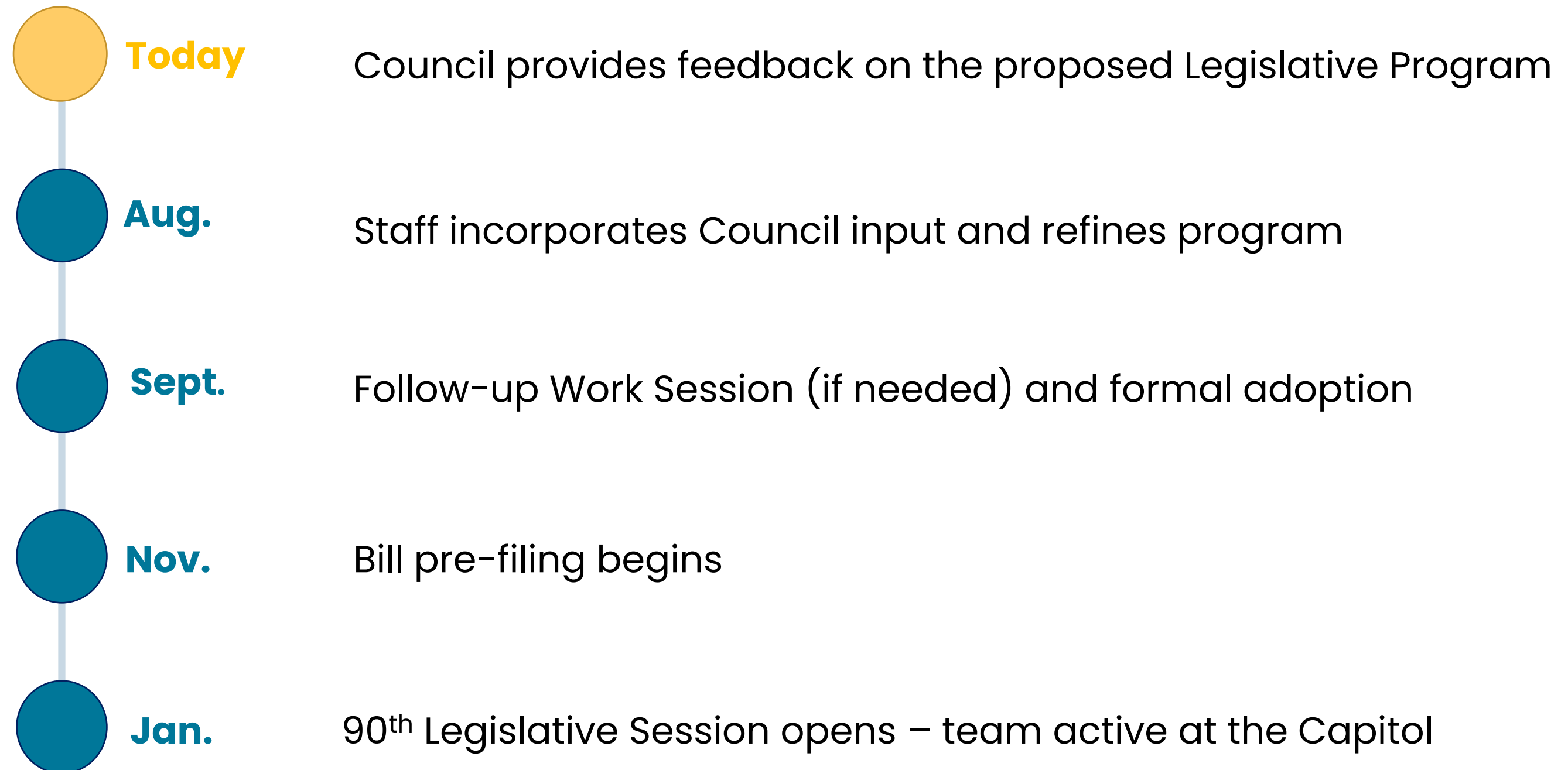
- ▲ First responder designation; TASPP reimbursement restoration; Parks grant funding; humane pet store regulation.
- ▼ Library restrictions.

Utilities

- ▲ TWDB grant funding; direct potable reuse; DRRS technology definition; critical infrastructure classification.
- ▼ Large load interconnection restrictions on MOUs; unfunded MOU mandates; General Fund Transfer impacts.

▲ Support ▼ Oppose

Council Direction & Next Steps



QUESTIONS?

