

**Texas House of Representatives
89th Session Legislative Recap**



Welcome!

Rep. Vince Perez

House District 77



- **Budget Overview**
- **HD 77 Bills Passed**
- **89th Legislature Big Bills**



\$180+ **Million Secured**

- **\$2 Million for Rio Vista Farm National Landmark Preservation**
- **\$5 Million for FY 2026 for El Paso Food Bank**
- **\$7 Million for El Paso Wyler Tramway**
- **\$8 Million for UTEP - NASA Collaboration**
- **\$10 Million for I-10 Deck Park Plaza Project (if federal funds are secured)**
- **\$14 Million for El Paso Surface Water Augmentation Projects**
- **\$20 Million for UTEP's New Mining Engineering Program**
- **\$50 Million for construction of a new State Hospital**
- **\$65 Million for Texas Tech Cancer Center**



H.B. 2 - Historical Public School Funding

Levels

\$8.5

Billion
Dollars

- **\$1.2 Billion for Basic Costs**
- **\$4.2 Billion in Teacher/Staff Pay Raises**
- **\$ 2 Billion For:**
 - **Full Day Pre-k**
 - **Early Learning**
 - **School Safety**
 - **CTE**

Additional Dollars For 3 Largest ISDs:

El Paso ISD - \$54.5 Million

Socorro ISD - \$50.5 Million

Ysleta ISD - \$42.2 Million



THE DOCTOR ACT - H.B. 2038

- **Expands Access to Physicians in Texas**
 - **Creates new medical license pathways to address shortages in Texas without requiring U.S residency**
- **Provisional License for Foreign-Trained Doctors**
 - **Must have completed training in their home country**
 - **Must pass USMLE Step 1 & 2 + Texas Board Exam**



District 77 Legislation

24

Authored
Bills

14

Joint-
Authored

38

Co-
Authored



Legislative Achievements

H.B. 2853 - UTEP Student Union Building

H.B 2856 - Feasibility Study for a central clinical site website

H.B 2038 - The Doctor Act

HB 3062 - Fentanyl Prevention & Drug Poisoning Awareness Education

HB 879 - Veterans access to medical Licensure

HB 4848 - Competency-Based Degree Programs

HB 1868 - Dual Credit Study

H.B. 2851 - Consolidated Nursing Applications



Notable Legislation

HB 3475 - El Paso Law School

HB 4270 - Reinvestment Zones

HB 5217 - Grant Aid to support Disabled Veterans and Surviving Spouses

HB 4259 – County Purchasing Agent

HCR 112 - Urging Congress to allow REAL ID for Land & Sea Port of Entry




89th Legislative Overview

Property Tax Relief

- **SB 4 | SJR 2 - Raises property tax homestead exemption to \$140,000.**
- **SB 23 | SJR 85 - Boosts the homestead exemption to \$60,000 for seniors and disabled Texans**
- **HB 9 | HJR 1- Expands the tangible personal property exemption from \$2,500 to \$250,000.**

Public Education

- **HB 2 - Largest Public School Funding**
 - **SB 2- Largest Vouchers Program in the Nation**
 - **HB 6 - Disciplinary Reform**
 - **HB 1481 - Cell Phone Ban**
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Healthcare

- **SB 31 - Lifesaving Exceptions under Abortion Ban**
- **SB 5 | SJR 3 - Dementia Prevention Research Institute**

Criminal Justice

- **SJR 5 - Bail Reform for certain offenses**
- **SB 9 - Tightening Conditions of Release for Violent Offenders**
- **SB 835 - Trey's Law**

Dedicated Water Funding

- **HJR 7 - State Funds for Dedicated Water Fund**
- **SB 7 - Allows Texas Water Development Board additional authority to invest in Texas**



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