

### Volunteerism & Civic Engagement

- **SB 44 by Sen. Zaffirini** - allows state employees to take paid leave to volunteer with VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) during times of disaster.

### Charitable Giving and Tax Exemptions

- **SB 197 by Sen. Nelson** – exempts nonprofit animal welfare organizations' sale/adoption fee transactions from sales tax.
- **HB 2168 by Rep. Krause, HB 2757 by Rep. Cyrier, & HB 3012/HJR 143 by Rep. Geren** – expands charitable use of raffles.
- **HB 3799 by Rep. Metcalf** – exempts items from sales tax sold by a nonprofit county fair association at a county fair on property owned by the county.
- **HB 2213 by Rep. Frullo** - exempts from certain processing regulations exotic animals donated by a hunter to a nonprofit food bank.

### State Agencies & Contracting

- **HB 1322 by Rep. Shaheen** – requires state agencies to publish a summary of a proposed rule written in plain language in English and Spanish on their websites.
- **HB 1476 by Rep. Bell** – requires a governmental entity to provide a vendor a detailed statement of a disputed amount on an invoice and prohibits the entity from withholding more than 110% of the disputed amount, allowing for partial payment of the invoice while the dispute is resolved.
- **SB 799 by Sen. Nelson** – amends contracting procedures and requirements for governmental entities, including raising limits for competitive bidding/some reporting requirements, and updates the contract management guide.

### Overall State Investment

- **HB 5 by Rep. Ashby** - creates a state broadband office (based in the Comptroller's office), state broadband plan, and grant program to improve broadband infrastructure and address digital access/use. The bill also requires digital inclusion nonprofit representation on the Broadband Development Council and Board of Advisors.

### Nonprofit Representation

- **HB 626 by Rep. Rosenthal, SB 337 by Sen. Powell, HB 295 by Rep. Murr, HB 1728 by Rep. Smithee & HB 3617 by Rep. Anchia** – allows nonprofits to partner with/receive grants from state agencies/programs.
- **HB 1863 by Rep. Bucy, HB 4080 by Rep. Jetton, & SB 1123 by Sen. Perry** - allows Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates and allocate portion of fee to specific charities.
- **SB 36 by Sen. Zaffirini, SB 476 by Sen. Nelson, SB 560 by Sen. Lucio, SB 801 by Sen. Kolkhorst, SB 1118 by Sen. Johnson, SB 1458 by Sen. Zaffirini & HB 3257 by Rep. P. King** - allows or requires nonprofit consultation/representation in various state programs/taskforces.

### Nonprofit Operations

- **SB 6 by Sen. Hancock** – provides COVID liability protections for nonprofits (retroactive to the start of the pandemic) that are making reasonable efforts to comply with government regulations and public health guidance.
- **SB 15 by Sen. Nichols** – Texas Consumer Privacy Act Phase I – allows nonprofit organizations to obtain/verify information relating to a contractor/volunteer/employee who holds a driver's license or their driving history from a state agency.
- **HB 3131 by Rep. Cole** – requires new entities doing business with the state to include a preferred mailing address on the certificate of formation form to ensure accurate mailing information.