



It was a slow week in the House. The Speaker and members focused on bill filings and House Committee selections. They adjourned until Tuesday, Feb. 4th. On the east side of the Capitol, things got moving in the Senate with the passage of SB 2 by Sen. Brandon Creighton out of the Senate Education Committee. SB 2 is the Senate's school choice/voucher bill, and with the Governor deeming school choice as an emergency item, the Senate is poised to vote it out and send it to the House very soon.

Regarding emergency items, Governor Abbott outlined his legislative priorities in Sunday evening's State of the State address. His list of emergency items includes: property tax relief, water infrastructure investment, teacher pay raises, career training, school choice, bail reform, and the creation of a Texas Cyber Command. Career training is of course of huge interest to TCA. We will be working closely with the House and Senate leadership on this issue as it develops.

#### TCA Legislative Issues

One of TCA's legislative priority bills has been filed. [SB 1040 by Sen. Tan Parker \(R-Flower Mound\)](#) addresses documents incorporated by reference into your construction subcontracts. Attached is more information about the bill. This bill joins [SB 929 by Sen. Nathan Johnson \(D-Dallas\)](#) which provides corrections to the lien law statutes.

#### TCA Walk on the Capitol

It's almost time for TCA's biennial Walk on the Capital -February 11-12. Be sure to register on the [TCA website](#) - there is NO COST to TCA members to attend the Walk, but you must be a member of the TCA PAC to attend the Roundup Reception with legislators and staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Patrick or me.

As always, please feel free to email or call me with any questions.

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