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Governor Abbot Signs 32 Bills by Senator César J. Blanco into Law

Austin, Texas – Sunday, June 19, 2023, was Governor Abbott’s deadline to veto or sign into law legislation passed in the 88th Texas Legislative Session. In the veto period following session, Governor Abbott signed 32 bills by Senator César J. Blanco.

Senator Blanco issued the following statement:

“This session we focused on delivering economic security for working families, including property tax relief, expanding food assistance, and bolstering childcare; improving access to healthcare; investing in water infrastructure; increasing access to broadband; strengthening our public schools, including keeping our kids safe; creating good-paying jobs; and protecting our environment and natural resources.

“Our legislative and funding victories this session will help address kitchen table issues families care about and aim to make Texas a better place to live, work, and do business. I thank Governor Abbott for signing into law major bills I authored and sponsored this past session.”

1. **SB543** – Promoting Local Economic Development
2. **SB544** – Addressing Teacher Shortage and Helping Veterans Transition to Civilian Teaching Jobs
3. **SB617** – Protecting Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Officer’s Home Address Confidentiality
4. **SB849** – Extending Safety Net Healthcare in El Paso
5. **SB850** – Connecting Rural Kids to Critical Mental Health Resources
6. **SB938 & SJR32** – Promoting Parks and Greenspace to Improve Quality of Life in El Paso County
7. **SB1133** – Providing Landowners Financial Relief for Property Damage Caused by Trafficking and Smuggling
8. **SB1210** – Reducing the Number of Abandoned Oil Wells and Promoting Renewable Geothermal Energy
9. **SB1327** – Bolstering Texas’ Childcare Workforce
10. **SB1523** – Keeping Texas Pets and Animals Safe
11. **SB1524** – Improving Roads and Infrastructure on Military Bases
12. **SB1525** – Protecting DFPS Employee’s Home Address Confidentiality

13. **SB1526** – Regionalizes EMS in the Big Bend Region for Better Life-Saving Care
14. **SB1588** – Bolstering EMS Workforce for Better Responses to Life-Saving Services
15. **SB2214** – Streamlining Casework and Investigations to Better Protect Most Vulnerable Families in DFPS
16. **SB2258 & SB1131** – Promoting Uniform Election Dates for Local Cost Savings and Better Turnout
17. **SB2261** – Better Hands-on Training for Caseworkers for Improved Service to DFPS Clients
18. **HB113**- Increasing Access to Community Health Workers for Better Community Health Outcomes
19. **HB587** – Respectfully Retiring U.S. and Texas Flags and Honoring Deceased Veterans
20. **HB591** – Reducing Flaring and Air Pollution from Oil and Gas
21. **HB784** – Improving El Paso County Government Operations and Efficiency
22. **HB1287** – Reducing Food Insecurity Among Texas Families
23. **HB1330** – Providing Infrastructure Support for Jeff Davis County
24. **HB1457** – Improving Quality of Mental Health Care for Veterans
25. **HB1633** – Cutting Parking Fines for Disabled Veterans
26. **HB1703** – Helping Texans Find Good Jobs
27. **HB2478** – Better Care and Screening for Newborns
28. **HB2802** – Better Communication so Texans Don't Lose their Health Benefits
29. **HB3278** – Improves Public Participation in the Management of Ground Water Resources
30. **HB4256** – Plugging Leaking Water Wells in Pecos County

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Senator César J. Blanco is a US Navy Veteran and proudly represents the people of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, and Reeves counties in the Texas Senate. In the 88th Texas Legislature, Senator Blanco serves as a member of the Senate Committees on Health & Human Services; Natural Resources & Economic Development; Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs; Veteran Affairs; and Border Security. Senator Blanco also serves as Vice-Chair of the Senate Hispanic Caucus. He has been named a Best Legislator by Texas Monthly Magazine.