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TAB's Weekly Legislative Rundown from CEO Glenn Hamer

- **Federal Unemployment Stimulus** – has been rescinded. Thanks to Governor Abbott, Texas will end its participation in the supplemental federal unemployment insurance payment which stacks on top of standard unemployment insurance. A recent survey conducted by the Texas Association of Business found that the \$300 additional weekly federal stimulus payment was a major barrier to hiring, and 80% of respondents believe it should be eliminated. TAB led the effort to eliminate it and is thankful to all those who signed onto this endeavor.
- **Pandemic Liability Protection**- SB 6 (Hancock/Leach), a bill to prevent frivolous lawsuits against businesses who operated in good faith during COVID-19, is expected to be voted on in the House this week. An emergency item of Governor Abbott's and a priority for the House and Senate, this is expected to pass. TAB continues to work with its legislative partners to ensure seamless approval this week.
- **Business and Uniformity Act** – SB 14 (Creighton/P King) preempts local governments from mandating private employment practices like sick leave, predictive scheduling, and local wages is expected to be voted on in the House this week. This TAB priority legislation will provide a consistent regulatory environment across the state and should find itself on the Governor's desk before the end of session.