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TAB's Weekly Legislative Rundown from CEO Glenn Hamer

- **Workforce Development** – SB 1102 (Creighton) The Texas Reskilling & Upskilling through Education (TRUE) initiative strengthens the relationship between community colleges and businesses to ensure our educational institutions can meet the needs of a 21st century economy. The bill was voted out of House Higher Education Committee and will now go to the House floor for consideration. Maintaining and expanding Texas' workforce is a TAB priority and we expect this bill to pass with overwhelming bipartisan majorities.
- **Business Freedom and Uniformity Act**- SB 14 (Creighton/P King) to preempt local governments from mandating onerous regulations on businesses will heard in the House State Affairs committee on Thursday, where I will be testifying in support. The bill, which will provide greater certainty to businesses across Texas, is a top priority for legislative leadership, and TAB expects it to make it to Governor Abbott's desk for his signature.
- **Chapter 313 Economic Development Act** - HB 1556 (Murphy) and HB 4242 (Meyer) have been voted out of the House Ways and Means committee last week. HB 1556 extends and reforms the Economic Development Program, also known as Chapter 313. HB 4242 simply extends the program for two years. This economic development tool is key to ensuring Texas remains the number one place to do business. TAB is continuing to work with its legislative partners to make sure the Chapter 313 incentive stays in place.