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Bill #	Author/Sponsor	Companion	Tag	Summary	Status/Date
HB 516	Strama	SB 108 by Ellis	Relating to the establishment and funding of a green job skills training program.	As Substituted: Amends Section 481.078 of the Government Code to allow the Texas Enterprise Fund to make grants to TWC for green job skills training program. Adds Chapter 490D: Green Job Skills Development Fund and Training Program to Title 4 of the Government Code. Purpose of Chapter is to: 1. promote green industry employment opportunities, 2. foster regional collaboration for development of green industry employment opps, 3. assist in developing highly skilled/productive workforce in green industry, and 4. assist workers in obtaining education/skills/training/labor market information to enhance employability/earnings/standard of living. Defines "green job" as one in the field of renewable energy or energy efficiency including jobs related to: energy efficient building/construction/retrofitting, biofuels, renewable energy, reuse of materials, energy efficiency assessments, manufacturing of sustainable products, and manufacturing using sustainable products/processes. Establishes the Green Job Skills Development Fund consisting of legislative appropriations and money received from the Texas Enterprise Fund, gifts/grants/donations, and other money. Requires the commission to establish a green job skills grant program to award grants for implementation/expansion/operation of green job skills training program. Establishes award criteria, program must: 1. be hosted by a regional partnership including one university/college/technical school, one local workforce/chamber/employer/public or private entity, one eco devo authority, and one community or faith-based nonprofit; 2. assist eligible individuals in education/skills training and labor market info; and 3. assist in developing high skilled/productive workers in green industries. Training programs are to target: workers in high-demand green industries, workers in declining industries which can be retrained for high-demand green industries, agriculture/timber/energy workers who can be retrained, veterans/military personnel, unemployed, or disadvantaged individuals. Funding is available for up to three years. Grant applications require a plan to continue operation of the training program after the grant expires. Preference is given to applications that provide certification/career advancement and leverages public/private resources. 20% of funds must be reserved for job skills training programs serving unemployed or those under 200% FPL. Reporting requirement for grant recipients. Allows Workforce Commission to adopt rules to administer.	03-19-09 H Reported from committee as substituted House Technology/Economic Dev/Workforce <u>*Amended onto HB 1935 by Villarreal which passed.</u>



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HB 865	Swinford	SB 691 by Hegar	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.	<p>As Substituted: Adds Chapter 776: Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee to Title 7 of the Government Code. Creates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee composed of: TDA, Parks & Wildlife Dept., State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, TWDB, and any other relevant agency. Defines Invasive species as one not native to an ecosystem and whose introduction causes/has been demonstrated to cause economic harm, environmental harm, or harm to human health. Humans, domestic livestock, and non-harmful exotic organisms are not invasive species.</p> <p>Administrative head of each member agency is to designate an individual/alternate to serve on committee. Duties on the committee are: 1. to serve as catalyst between state agencies in area of invasive control, facilitate government efforts to prevent/manage invasive species, make recommendations regarding research/tech transfer/management related to invasive species control, facilitate exchange of information, provide forum for developing coordinated interagency strategies, provide technical information/input to invasive species control coordination efforts, facilitate review of committee technical decisions, and report to Governor, Lt. Gov, and Speaker. Requires Committee to adopt bylaws governing operations.</p> <p>Committee is administratively attached to the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.</p> <p>Subject to Sunset September 1, 2013.</p>	09-01-09 G Earliest effective date
HB 1881	Sid Miller		Relating to the creation of the Texas Equine Incentive Program.	Adds Section 12.044: Equine Incentive Program to the Agriculture Code. Requires TDA to create/administer an equine incentive program to incentivize owners of show horses to participate. Program applies to: thoroughbreds, paint horses, and quarter horses. Owners of stallions siring more than 5 foals must submit a breeding report to TDA when submitting report to breeders' association for the 6th and after foals sired. Requires payment of \$30 to submit breeding report to TDA. TDA is to use fees to grant equine incentive awards to eligible foals participating in horse shows. Foals are eligible if the incentive program fee has been paid. TDA is to develop a point system.	5/26/09 Sent to the Governor
HB 1908	Tracy King	SB 1901 by Hinojosa	Relating to the safety of the fresh fruit and	Amends Chapter 91 of the Agriculture Code to state that TDA is the lead agency and is required to assist fresh fruit and vegetable industries with food safety issues. Requires TDA to coordinate/plan/approve training programs for producers and packers of fresh fruits and	5/27/09 Earliest Effective Date



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			vegetables produced in this state.	vegetables on: sound agricultural practices, proper food handling, prevention of outbreaks of disease, and enhancement of overall food safety. Requires coordination with colleges/universities, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas AgriLife Research, DSHS, and private industry.	
HB 2318	Swinford		Relating to the fuel ethanol and biodiesel incentive program of the Department of Agriculture.	Amends Chapter 16 of the Agriculture Code to include renewable methane in the Fuel Ethanol and Biodiesel Production Incentive Program. Defines renewable methane as derived from animal waste or agricultural byproduct. Imposes a fee on producers of 3.2 cents per gallon of renewable methane. Provides grants of 20 cents per gallon of renewable methane to producers.	5/25/09 Sent to the Governor
HB 2582	Gonzalez Toureilles		Relating to the production of renewable diesel fuel.	Amends Section 16 of the Agriculture Code to change the definition of biodiesel to mean a motor fuel meeting USEPA requirements, is mono-alkyl esters derived from vegetable oils/animal fats, meets ASTM specification, is intended for engines designed to run on diesel fuel, and is derived from ag products. Defines renewable diesel fuel. Includes renewable diesel to be eligible for grants. Requires producers to report renewable diesel. Imposes fees on renewable diesel production.	6/3/09 Sent to the Governor
HB 2978	Otto	HB 3150 by Anchia, SB 1425 by Williams	Relating to the creation of alternative fuel programs to be funded by the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund.	Amends Section 386.252 of the Health and Safety Code to state that up to 5% of the emission reduction plan fund can be used for the clean fleet program and 2 % for the alternative fueling facilities program. Establishes the Texas Clean Fleet Program to encourage entities with fleet vehicles to convert to alternative fuel vehicles. Entities with fleets of at least 100 can apply for grants. Commission is required to establish criteria. Expires August 31, 2017. Establishes the Texas Alternative Fueling Facilities Program to provide facilities in nonattainment areas for alternative fuel. Entities constructing facilities are eligible for grants. Expires August 31, 2017.	05-14-09 H Set on the House Calendar <u>*Amended to SB 1759 which passed</u>
HB 3150	Anchia	HB 2978 by Otto, SB 1425 by Williams	Relating to the creation of alternative fuel programs to be funded by the Texas	Amends Section 386.252 of the Health and Safety Code to state that up to 5% of the emission reduction plan fund can be used for the clean fleet program and 2 % for the alternative fueling facilities program. Establishes the Texas Clean Fleet Program to encourage entities with fleet vehicles to convert to alternative fuel vehicles. Entities with fleets of at least 100 can apply for grants. Commission is required to establish criteria. Expires August 31, 2017. Establishes the Texas Alternative Fueling Facilities Program to provide facilities in	03-18-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental



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			Emissions Reduction Plan Fund.	nonattainment areas for alternative fuel. Entities constructing facilities are eligible for grants. Expires August 31, 2017.	Regulation <u>*Amended onto SB 1759 which passed</u>
HB 3236	Flynn	SB 1016 by Estes	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Agriculture and the Prescribed Burning Board and the abolition of the Texas -Israel Exchange Fund Board.	TDA Sunset Bill	04-07-09 H Committee action pending House Agriculture and Livestock
HB 4031	McCall		Relating to the agricultural biomass and landfill diversion incentive program.	Amends the Agriculture Code to define: co-firing biomass and renewable biomass aggregator and bio-coal fuel producer. Allows renewable biomass aggregators and bio-coal fuel producers to participate in department's grant program.	6-03-09 Sent to Governor
SB 16	Averitt		Relating to the enhancement of air quality, including the capture of carbon dioxide		05-23-09 H Set on the House Calendar <u>*Amended onto HB 1796 which</u>



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			and development of a greenhouse gas registry, emissions reduction technologies, and the improvement of energy efficiency.		<u>Passed.</u>
SB 108	Ellis	HB 516 by Strama	Relating to the establishment and funding of a green job skills training program.	<p>Adds Chapter 490D: Green Job Skills Development Fund and Training Program to Title 4 of the Government Code. Purpose of Chapter is to: 1. promote green industry employment opportunities, 2. foster regional collaboration for development of green industry employment opps, 3. assist in developing highly skilled/productive workforce in green industry, and 4. assist workers in obtaining education/skills/training/labor market information to enhance employability/earnings/standard of living.</p> <p>Defines "green job" as one in the field of renewable energy or energy efficiency including jobs related to: energy efficient building/construction/retrofitting, renewable electric power, biofuels, reuse of materials, energy efficiency assessments, manufacturing of sustainable products, and manufacturing using sustainable products/processes.</p> <p>Establishes the Green Job Skills Development Fund consisting of legislative appropriations and money received from the Texas Enterprise Fund, gifts/grants/donations, and other money. Requires the commission to establish a green job skills grant program to award grants for implementation/expansion/operation of green job skills training program.</p> <p>Establishes award criteria, program must: 1. be hosted by a regional partnership including one university/college/technical school, one local workforce/chamber/employer/public or private entity, and one eco devo authority; 2. assist eligible individuals in education/skills training and labor market info; and 3. assist in developing high skilled/productive workers in</p>	<p>05-23-09 H Set on the House Calendar</p> <p><u>*Amended onto HB 1935 by Villarreal which passed</u></p>



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				<p>green industries.</p> <p>Training programs are to target: workers in high-demand green industries, workers in declining industries which can be retrained for high-demand green industries, agriculture/timber/energy workers who can be retrained, veterans/military personnel, unemployed, or disadvantaged individuals.</p> <p>Funding is available for up to three years. Grant applications require a plan to continue operation of the training program after the grant expires.</p> <p>Allows Workforce Commission to adopt rules to administer.</p>	
SB 691	Hegar	HB 865 by Swinford	<p>Relating to the establishment of the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee</p>	<p>Adds Chapter 776: Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee to Title 7 of the Government Code. Creates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee composed of: TDA, Parks & Wildlife Dept., State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, TWDB, and any other relevant agency. Defines Invasive species as one not native to an ecosystem and whose introduction causes/could cause economic harm, environmental harm, or harm to human health. Humans, domestic livestock, and non-harmful exotic organisms are not invasive species.</p> <p>Administrative head of each member agency is to designate an individual/alternate to serve on committee. Duties on the committee are: 1. to serve as catalyst between state agencies in area of invasive control, facilitate government efforts to prevent/manage invasive species, make recommendations regarding research/tech transfer/management related to invasive species control, facilitate exchange of information, provide forum for developing coordinated interagency strategies, provide technical information/input to invasive species control coordination efforts, facilitate review of committee technical decisions, and report to Governor, Lt. Gov, and Speaker. Requires Committee to adopt bylaws governing operations.</p> <p>Committee is administratively attached to the State Soil and Water Conservation Board.</p> <p>Subject to Sunset September 1, 2013.</p>	<p>04-20-09 S Committee action pending Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs</p>
SB 1016	Estes	HB 3236 by Flynn	<p>Relating to the continuation</p>	<p>TDA Sunset Bill</p>	<p>5-28-09 Sent to Governor</p>



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			and functions of the Department of Agriculture and the Prescribed Burning Board and the abolition of the Texas-Israel Exchange Fund Board.	Also now includes as added in an amendment in the House: SB 1666	
SB 1425	Williams	HB 2978 by Otto, HB 3150 by Anchia	Relating to the creation of alternative fuel programs to be funded by the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund.	Amends Section 386.252 of the Health and Safety Code to state that up to 5% of the emission reduction plan fund can be used for the clean fleet program and 2 % for the alternative fueling facilities program. Establishes the Texas Clean Fleet Program to encourage entities with fleet vehicles to convert to alternative fuel vehicles. Entities with fleets of at least 100 can apply for grants. Commission is required to establish criteria. Expires August 31, 2017. Establishes the Texas Alternative Fueling Facilities Program to provide facilities in nonattainment areas for alternative fuel. Entities constructing facilities are eligible for grants. Expires August 31, 2017.	05-23-09 H Set on the House Calendar <u>*Amended onto SB 1759 which passed</u>
SB 1666	Estes		Relating to the establishment of the Bioenergy Policy Council and the Bioenergy Research Committee to encourage the development	Establishes a 16 member Bioenergy Research Council to provide a vision for state's ag/energy/research strengths in launching cellulosic biofuel industry; foster development of cellulosic-based fuels; pursue creation of a fourth energy biofuels research program ; and perform other advisory duties. Establishes a 16 member Bioenergy Research Committee as a research consortium to identify/research biomass feedstock; investigate logistical challenges; provide roadmap for transition to dryland bioenergy crops; explore regions for growing bioenergy feedstocks; and perform other research duties.	05-12-09 H Reported from committee as substituted House Agriculture and Livestock <u>*Amended to SB 1016 which passed</u>



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			of cellulosic biofuels in the state.		
SB 1901	Hinojosa	HB 1908 by Tracy King	Relating to the safety of the fresh fruit and vegetables produced in this state.	Amends Chapter 91 of the Agriculture Code to state that TDA is the lead agency and is required to assist fresh fruit and vegetable industries with food safety issues. Requires TDA to coordinate/plan/approve training programs for producers and packers of fresh fruits and vegetables on: sound agricultural practices, proper food handling, prevention of outbreaks of disease, and enhancement of overall food safety. Requires coordination with colleges/universities, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas AgriLife Research, DSHS, and private industry.	04-20-09 S Committee action pending Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs
HB 239	Rodriguez		Relating to a study of the proportion of this state's electric energy that can be generated using renewable energy technology.	Requires the state energy conservation office to conduct a study on how at least 25% of the state's electric energy can be generated by renewable energy technologies by January 1, 2025. Requires the office to examine costs/efficiencies of renewable energy technologies for electric energy generation and recommend legislative/administrative policy changes to achieve above goal. Requires office to consult with PUC. Reporting by January 1, 2011.	02-17-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 797	Lucio III	HB 1427 by Bohac	Relating to exempting fuel ethanol derived from cellulosic biomass and blended with gasoline from the motor fuels	Amends Section 162.104 of the Tax Code to exempt fuel ethanol derived from cellulosic biomass blended with taxable gasoline when sold and identified as a combination derived from cellulosic biomass.	04-22-09 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means



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HB 1395	Farrar		tax. Relating to the offenses of cruelty to livestock animals and cruelty to nonlivestock animals.	Amends Section 42.009 of the Penal Code to state a person commits an offense if they additionally intentionally recklessly: torture an animal, etc., and adds: without legal authority/owner's consent poisons or causes bodily injury to a livestock animal. Deletes the provision excepting cattle, horses, sheep, swine, or goats. Eliminates the exception to prosecution and instead substitutes that it is a defense to prosecution. Amends Section 42.092 of the Penal Code to eliminate the previous definition of animal and replace it with a nonhuman mammal, bird, or captive amphibian or reptile. Term does not include a livestock animal. Again the bill eliminates the exception and inserts a defense to prosecution.	4/7/09 No action taken in Subcommittee on Violent Crime in Criminal Jurisprudence Committee
HB 1427	Bohac	HB 797 by Lucio III	Relating to exempting fuel ethanol derived from cellulosic biomass and blended with gasoline from the motor fuels tax.	Amends Section 162.104 of the Tax Code to exempt fuel ethanol derived from cellulosic biomass blended with taxable gasoline when sold and identified as a combination derived from cellulosic biomass.	03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1431	Bohac		Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for renewable energy technology.	Amends Chapter 151 of the Tax Code to exempt from the state sales tax renewable energy technology and components/repairs/replacement parts for that technology. Renewable energy technology includes biomass and biomass waste products.	03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 1522	Alvarado		Relating to a requirement that chain restaurant disclose nutrition information.	Potential vehicle for biotech product labeling. Adds Subchapter H: Disclosure of Nutrition Information by Chain Restaurant to Chapter 438 of the Health and Safety Code. Requires chain restaurants offering sit-down service to provide nutrition information to consumers about each standard menu item by including information: 1. on text next to item on menu, 2. menu insert, 3. brochure at each table, or 4. menu tent at each table. Requires drive throughs to provide nutrition information in a brochure available on request. Requires restaurants to	03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health



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				include: 1. calorie content information, total carbs, total saturated fat, total sodium, and number of individuals to be served with calorie content for each serving. Commissioner/agent/health authority can conduct inspections to determine compliance. Allows assessment of an administrative penalty for violations. Penalties can only be assessed after a person charged has an opportunity for a hearing.	
HB 2081	Isett	SB 1013 by Hinojosa	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Racing Commission, the abolishment of the Equine Research Account Advisory Committee, and the authority of Texas AgriLife Research.	Makes changes to the Texas Racing Act regarding conflict of interest, technology requirements, negotiated rule-making and alternative dispute resolution, bonding, and license review and renewal among other issues. Amends the Education Code to conform the change from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to Texas AgriLife Research. Allows director of Texas AgriLife Research to award grants for equine research. Repealer Language abolishing the Equine Research Advisory Committee.	05-14-09 H Bill pronounced dead by procedural action
HB 2088	Donna Howard	SB 1232 by Watson	Relating to increasing public awareness of the benefits of native plant species.	As Substituted: Amends Chapter 71 of the Agriculture Code to add Section 71.061: Native and Invasive Plant Awareness. Defines "nursery". Requires nurseries which maintain a permanent storefront for selling/leasing nursery products to public to: access website of TPW Dept., print sign required, and post sign. Amends Chapter 12 of the Parks and Wildlife Code adding Section 12.0105: Information on Native and Invasive Plant Species. Requires Dpt to develop/maintain a brochure on website describing the benefits of native plant species and the problems associated with invasive plant species. Must maintain a downloadable, printable sign containing specified language.	05-14-09 H Set on the House Calendar
HB	Swinford		Relating to the	Adds Subchapter F: Fuel Ethanol and Biodiesel Producer Loan Guarantee Program to the	03-09-09 H



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2151			creation of a fuel ethanol and biodiesel producer loan guarantee program.	Agriculture Code. Requires the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Board to administer a loan guarantee program benefitting eligible applicants who produce fuel ethanol. Allows recipients to use proceeds from loan for operations related to the production of fuel ethanol or biodiesel. Contains specific requirements for application and eligibility. Allows Authority to sue for defaults. Establishes the fuel ethanol and biodiesel producer loan guarantee account in the Texas agricultural fund.	Introduced and referred to committee on House Agriculture and Livestock
HB 2366	Swinford		Relating to the creation of the Texas bioenergy Fund.	Establishes the Texas Bioenergy Fund as a dedicated account in GR. Money in the fund is to make grants to public/private entities for the development/research/generation of bioenergy. Establishes requirements for consideration.	03-31-09 H Committee action pending House Agriculture and Livestock
HB 3084	Kent		Relating to the penalty for a false report or a failure to report in connection with certain recordkeeping requirements under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Health Services.	Amends Chapter 435 of the Health and Safety Code: Dairy Products to establish an offense if a person: 1. makes a false entry; 2. neglects/fails to make full entries; 3. removes or falsifies evidence; or 4. refuses to submit to DSHS documentary evidence. Offense punishable by fine of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and/or up to 3 years in jail.	03-17-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 3322	Kleinschmidt	SB 682 by Eltife	Relating to participation in an animal identification program.	Amends Section 161.056 of the Agriculture Code: Animal Identification Program. Allows a person to apply for the program by submitting an annual fee and signed application to the Animal Health Commission. Notice must be provided on application form that program is voluntary unless USDA imposes a mandatory system. Makes the requirement to use official identification numbers permissible. Prohibits the Animal Health Commission from making the use of an animal identification program mandatory unless a final federal rule makes use	03-18-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Agriculture and



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				of system mandatory. Allows Commission to adopt rules/implement timelines if system becomes mandatory. Repealer language.	Livestock
SB 578	Wentworth		Relating to the authority of a county to regulate land development after a local option election.	<p>Adds Subchapter F: Regulation of Land Development to Chapter 232 of the Local Government Code. Defines agriculture and agricultural use.</p> <p>Commissioners Court granted authority is allowed to regulate by order land development in unincorporated area by: 1. requiring limited fire suppression system, 2. requiring a buffer zone between land used for specified purpose and residential areas, or 3. requiring developer to contract with engineer to determine off-site roadway needs and provide for off-site roadway improvements.</p> <p>Does not allow counties to adopt zoning regulations.</p> <p>County regulation under subchapter does not apply to land use described by Section 81.051 of the Natural Resource Code or interstate gas pipeline facilities.</p> <p>County regulation under subchapter does not apply to platted residential subdivision in existence currently, tract of land devoted to agricultural use, or activity/structure/appurtenance on tract of land devoted to agricultural use.</p> <p>Allows Commissioners Court to order and hold an election granting them the authority to regulate land development in the unincorporated areas.</p>	2/23/09 Referred to Senate Intergovernmental Relations
SB 645	Hegar		Relating to the production and taxation of renewable diesel fuel.	<p>Amends Section 162.001 of the Tax Code to redefine "biodiesel fuel" as is defined in the Agriculture Code: a monoalkyl ester that: A. is derived from vegetable oils, renders animal fats, or renewable lipids or a combination of those ingredients; and B. meets the requirements of ASTM PS 121, the provisional specification for biodiesel.</p> <p>The definition of "diesel fuel" includes renewable diesel.</p> <p>"Renewable Diesel" is included as defined in the Ag Code.</p>	04-20-09 S Committee action pending Senate Finance



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				<p>Section 162.204 (Exemptions to the Diesel Fuel Tax) of the Tax Code is amended to exempt renewable diesel.</p> <p>Heading to Chapter 16 of the Ag Code is amended to read: Chapter 16: Fuel Ethanol, BioDiesel, and Renewable Diesel Production Incentive Program. Includes renewable diesel in the definition of "account".</p> <p>Biodiesel is defined as: a motor fuel that: A. meets the registration requirements for fuels/fuel additives established by the US EPA under Section 211 of the federal Clean Air Act; B. is mono-alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils and animal fats; C. meets the requirements of ASTM specification D-6751; D. is intended for use in engines that are designed to run on conventional, petroleum-derived diesel fuel; and E. is derived from agricultural products, vegetable oils, recycled greases, biomass, or animal fats or wastes of those products or fats.</p> <p>Includes renewable diesel in definition of "producer".</p> <p>"Renewable diesel" is defined as: a motor fuel that: A. meets registration requirements for fuels/additives established by the US EPA under Section 211; B. is a hydrocarbon; meets the requirements of ASTM Specification D-975; D. is intended for use in engines that are designed to run on conventional, petroleum-derived diesel fuel; and E. is derived from agricultural products, vegetable oils, recycled greases, biomass, or animal fats or the wastes of those products or fats.</p> <p>Conforming changes in Section 16.002, 16.003, 16.004, 16.005, and 16.006 to include renewable diesel.</p>	
SB 682	Eltife	HB 3322 by Kleinschmidt	Relating to participation in an animal identification system.	<p>Amends Section 161.056 of the Agriculture Code: Animal Identification Program. Allows a person to apply for the program by submitting an annual fee and signed application to the Animal Health Commission. Notice must be provided on application form that program is voluntary unless USDA imposes a mandatory system.</p> <p>Makes the requirement to use official identification numbers permissible.</p>	03-23-09 S Committee action pending Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs



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				<p>Prohibits the Animal Health Commission from making the use of an animal identification program mandatory unless a final federal rule makes use of system mandatory. Allows Commission to adopt rules/implement timelines if system becomes mandatory.</p> <p>Repealer language.</p>	
SB 1013	Hinjosa	SB 2081 by Isett	<p>Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Racing Commission, the abolishment of the Equine Research Account Advisory Committee, and the authority of Texas AgriLife Research.</p>	<p>Makes changes to the Texas Racing Act regarding conflict of interest, technology requirements, negotiated rule-making and alternative dispute resolution, bonding, and license review and renewal among other issues. Amends the Education Code to conform the change from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to Texas AgriLife Research. Allows director of Texas AgriLife Research to award grants for equine research. Repealer Language abolishing the Equine Research Advisory Committee.</p>	05-18-09 H Committee action pending Licensing and Administrative Procedures
SB 1192	Ellis		<p>Relating to biodiesel and cellulosic ethanol content requirements for certain fuels.</p>	<p>Adds Chapter 16A: Biodiesel and Cellulosic Ethanol Content Requirements for Fuels to Title 2 of the Agriculture Code. Prohibits diesel fuel sold for use in on-road compression ignition engines from containing less than: 2% biodiesel on the first anniversary that production of biodiesel reaches 80 million gallons for 3 consecutive months; 5% on the first anniversary that production of biodiesel reaches 200 million gallons for 3 consecutive months; 10% biodiesel on the first anniversary that production of biodiesel reaches 400 million gallons for 3 consecutive months; and 20% biodiesel on the first anniversary that production of biodiesel reaches 800 million gallons for 3 consecutive months. Requirements take effect only if TDA, TXDoT and TCEQ determine manufacturers of diesel-fueled vehicles have publicly stated</p>	03-13-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources



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				they will not void/withdraw engine warranties due to use of biodiesel blends. Prohibits gasoline from containing less than: 2% cellulosic ethanol on first anniversary that production reaches 240 million gallons for 3 consecutive months; 5% cellulosic ethanol first anniversary that production reaches 600 million gallons for 3 consecutive months; and 10% cellulosic ethanol first anniversary that production reaches 1.2 billion gallons for 3 consecutive months. Allows for another renewable fuel to be used to meet these requirements under certain circumstances/findings. Allows TDA, TXDoT and TCEQ to delay or reduce volume requirements if warranted. Requires reporting and studies.	
SB 1232	Watson	HB 2088 by Donna Howard	Relating to increasing public awareness of the benefits of native plant species.	Adds Chapter 106: Increasing Awareness of Native Plant Species to the Business and Commerce Code. Requires plant nurseries to provide TPWD brochures on the benefits of native plant species and the problems associated with invasive plant species. Requires TPWD to maintain brochure on website.	03-17-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs