

POLICY PRIORITIES: 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Advancing Public Policy for Patients

Texas is a world-class economic engine generating economic growth through research and innovation. The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute (THBI) is shaping the future of innovation and breakthrough therapies through advocacy and engagement designed to support and expand the Texas life science and biotech industry.

We're leading the charge to advance...

- + Texas' investment in innovation through the creation of the Texas Technology and Innovation Program.
- + Expanded training opportunities for high-paying manufacturing jobs.
- + The search for cures for devastating neurological diseases.

We're protecting patient access to...

- + Discounts and rebates that make treatments more affordable.
- + Services and benefits covered through health insurance.
- + A healthier future driven by innovation and new technologies.



9,200

life science businesses
and over 129,000
employees in Texas.



\$4.642+

billion spent on bioscience
related academic R&D in 2022.



\$1.846+

billion received in NIH
funding in 2023.



\$1.295+

billion received in bioscience
related venture capital in 2023.



7,950

patents awarded
since 2019.

The Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute supports legislation that advances the following priorities:

Driving Economic Development in Life Sciences

- + Create the Texas Technology Innovation Program, a SBIR/STTR matching grant program.
- + Expand and grow Texas biomanufacturing and its workforce.
- + Expand incentives for Research and Development (R&D).
- + Strengthen the Texas-based life science and health care supply chain.
- + Support bioscience skills development and training programs.

Expanding Patient Access to Life-Saving Treatments

- + Ensure patients receive all the discounts and benefits they are entitled to for medicines.
- + Remove barriers between patients and innovative therapies and treatments.
- + Increase transparency for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) and all middlemen.
- + Ensure patients can access the latest diagnostic tests and equipment.
- + Simplify patient utilization of their medical and drug benefits.

Promoting Research Investment and Commercialization of Innovation

- + Expand state investment in research and product development.
- + Ensure appropriate privacy protections while continuing access to research and clinical trials.
- + Expand commercialization and product development efforts.
- + Maintain protection for intellectual property and patents.
- + Expand mechanisms to fund research at higher education institutions.

Improving Health and Health Programs for all Texans

- + Support families fighting rare diseases through early detection and treatment.
- + Improve state programs that provide support to patients with chronic diseases.
- + Ensure effective response to infectious diseases.
- + Improve population health and enhance the public health system.
- + Expand programs that provide health services and insurance coverage.

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