86th Texas Legislative Session

2019 TCHMB Summit
86th Legislative Session: Overview

• 1,400 bills filed through Martin Luther King Day
• Expect 5,000 – 7,000 bills by March
• House Public Health Committee announced
  • Chair: Representative Senfronia Thompson
• Senate HHS Committee announced
  • Chair: Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Maternal/Infant Health Bills

• HB 243 - Relating to the promotion of breast-feeding and the prohibition against interference with or restriction of the right to breast-feed; creating a civil action.

• HB 253 - Relating to a strategic plan to address postpartum depression.

• HB 405 - Relating to designating June as Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Awareness Month.

• HB 541 – Relating to the right to express breast milk.

• SB 436 - Relating to statewide initiatives to improve maternal and newborn health for women with opioid use disorder.

• HB 1041 - Relating to the places a public employer may provide for employees to express breast milk.

• HB 1111 - Relating to maternal and newborn health care.
Maternal Health and Safety Exceptional Item

- 8 FTEs and $7 Million for the 2020-2021 biennium to build upon current efforts
  - $2.66 Million and 6 FTEs to promote and implement new TexasAIM maternal safety bundles statewide
  - $1 Million and 1 FTE to implement a high risk care coordination pilot for women of childbearing age
  - $1.34 Million and 1 FTE to develop and train providers on the use of risk assessment tools
  - $2 Million to enhance provider and community understanding about maternal health risk factors, and preventive measures
House Base Budget

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• A net increase of $6.3 Million to support newborn screening for X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD).

• $7 million in GR funds to implement DSHS Maternal Health and Safety EI.

• All other DSHS maternal and infant health initiatives are funded at existing levels.
Senate Base Budget

Senate

• No funding to support newborn screening for X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD).
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Thank you

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