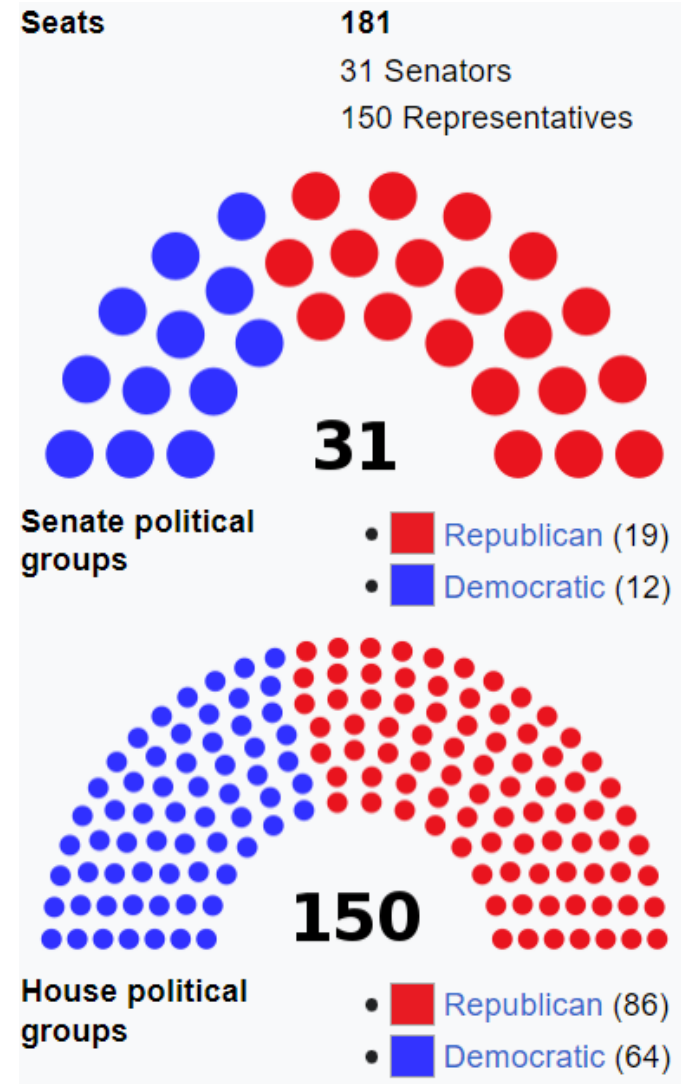
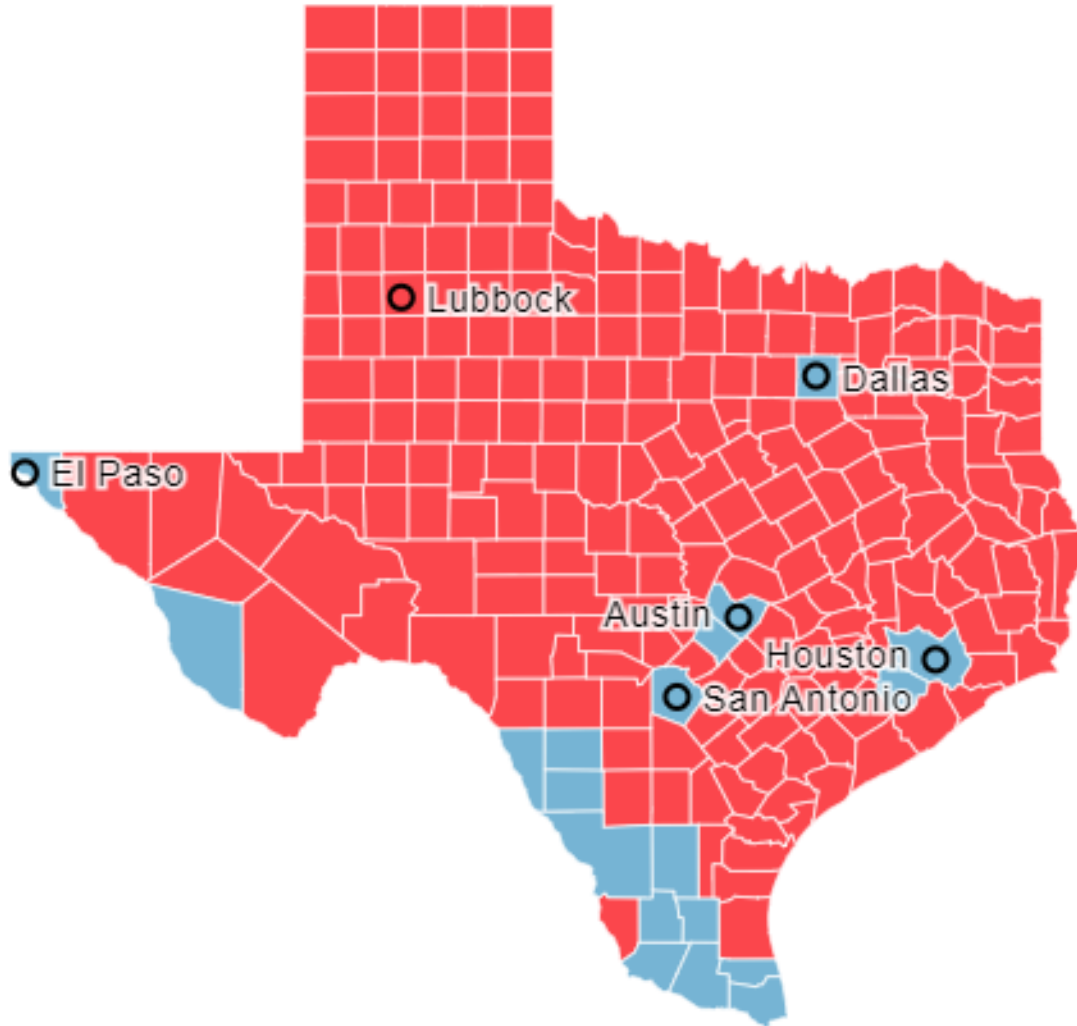




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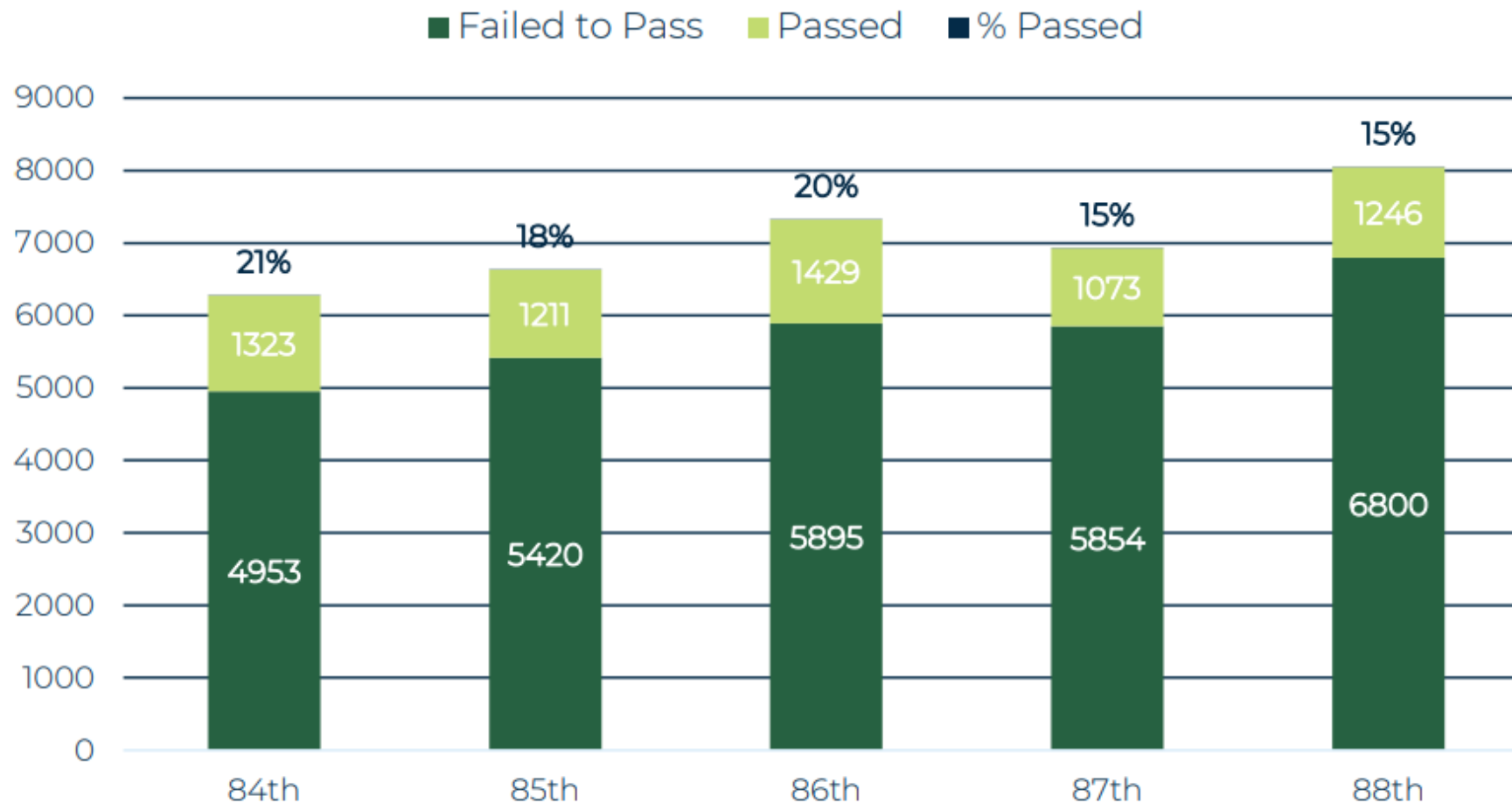


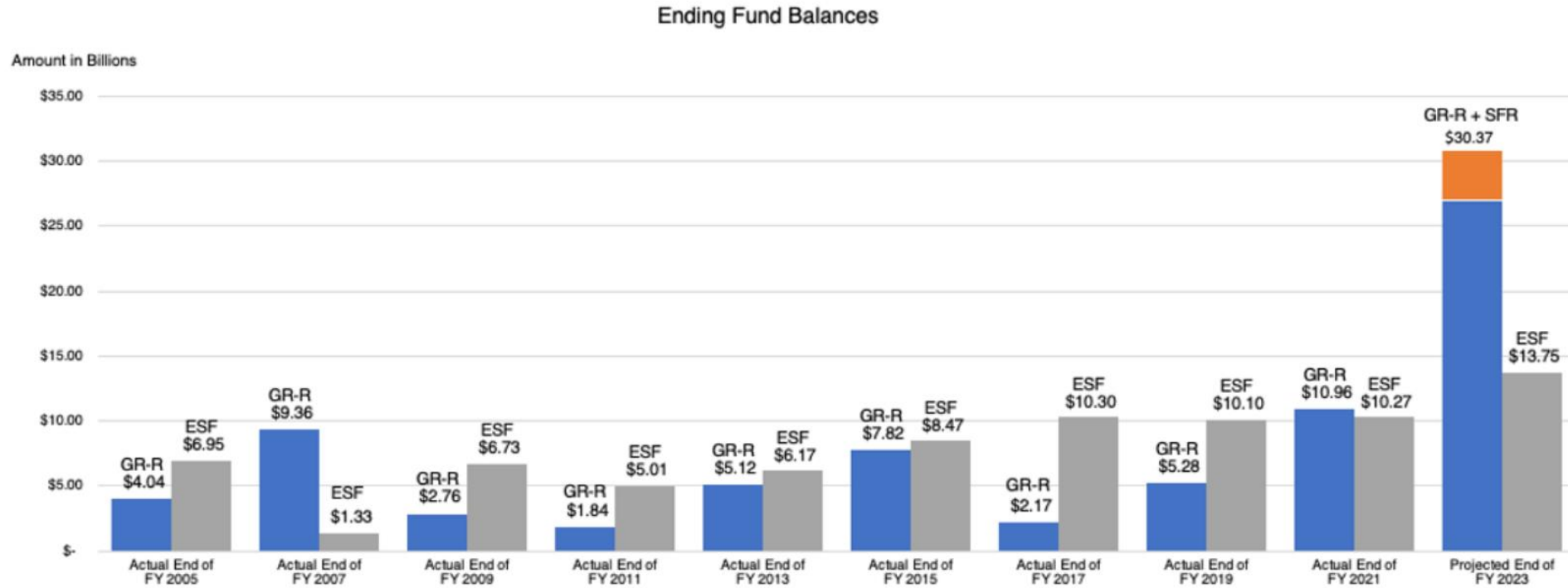
Makeup of the 2023 Texas State Legislature



Lots of Bills Filed, Fewer Passed

Record 8,046 Bills Introduced During 88th Session

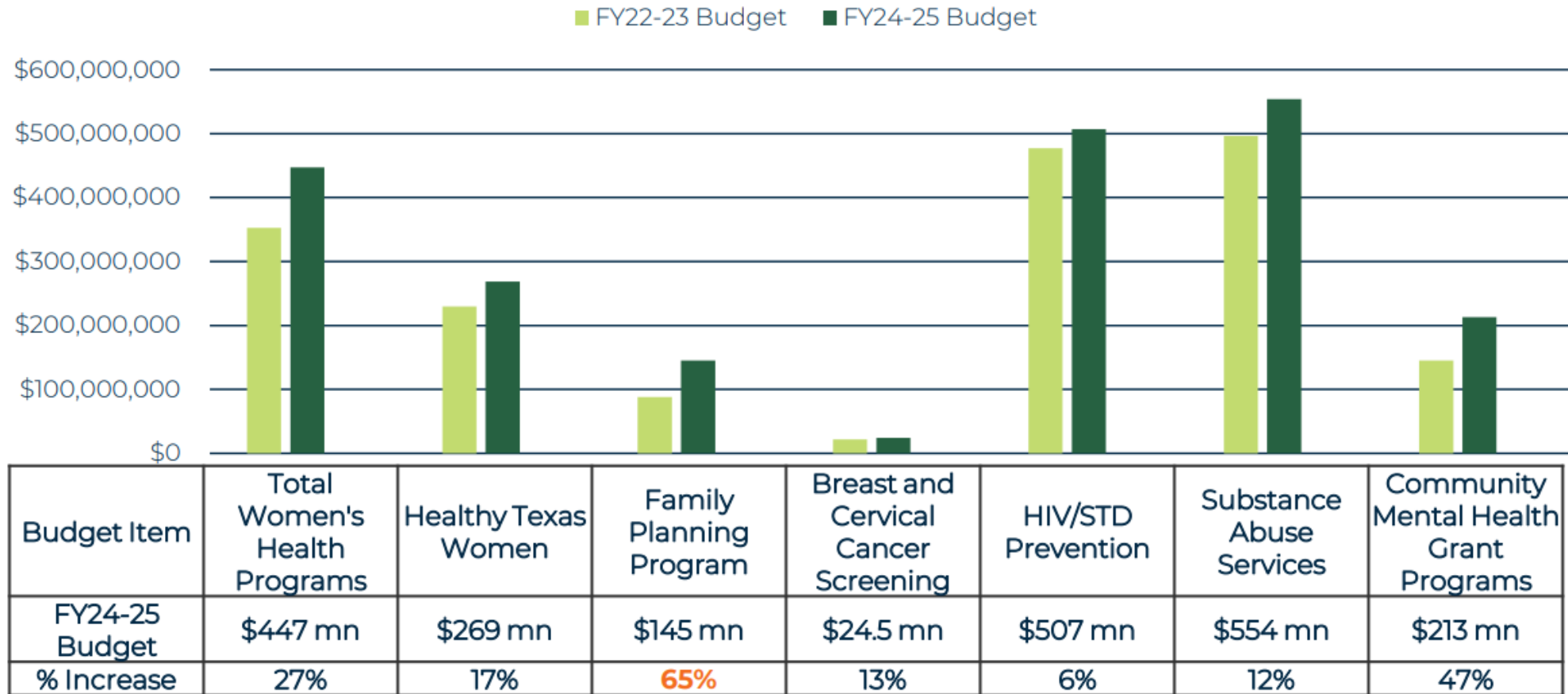




\$32.7B surplus heading into session



29% increase in total spending from FY22-23 (\$248.6B)



HIV Medication




- Cabenuva DSHS Rider 36
- The legislature directed DSHS to purchase Cabenuva or any other similar HIV longacting treatment for the Texas HIV Medication Program participants.

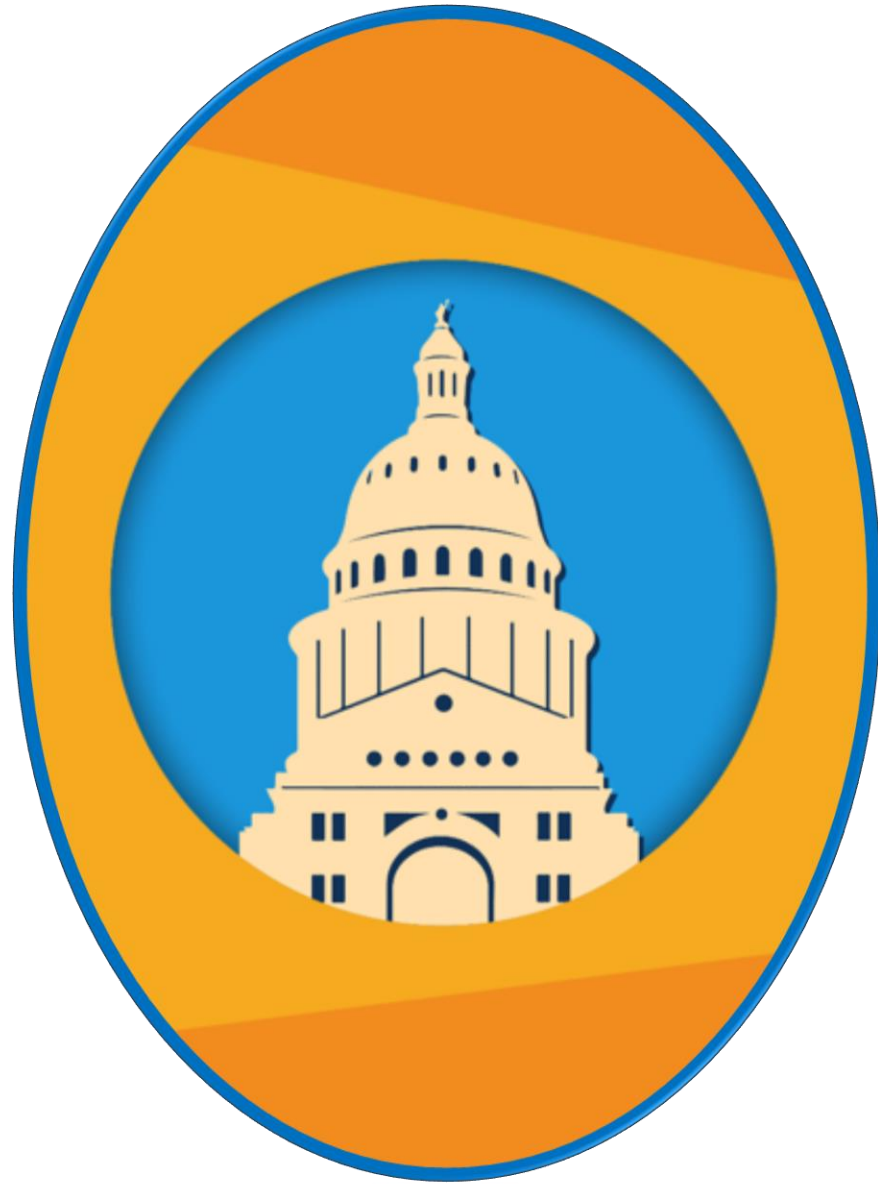
Texas Colorectal Cancer Initiative

- \$10 million GR. Rider 86
- Funds a pilot program to treat colorectal cancer for uninsured and underinsured Texas residents with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

End of Medicaid Continuous Coverage Support

- \$160.4 million
- Integrated Enrollment and Eligibility Rider 27
- Funds additional HHS staff for increased workload for Medicaid eligibility support services due to unwinding.

| Programs | FY 24-25 GR | FY 22-23 GR | % Change |
|--|-------------|-------------|---|
| Mental Health Loan Repayment Program | \$28 M | \$2 M | 1251%  |
| The Mental Health Loan Repayment Program was created to encourage qualified mental health professionals to practice in a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (MHPSA). | | | |
| Physician Education Loan Repayment Program | \$35 M | \$29 M | 20%  |
| The Physician Education Loan Repayment Program was created to encourage qualified physicians to practice medicine in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). | | | |
| Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program | \$7 M | \$3 M | 139%  |
| The Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program was created to improve access to nursing education programs by encouraging qualified nurses to serve as faculty at eligible institutions of higher education. | | | |
| Nursing Scholarships | \$25 M | - | NEW |
| SB 25 by Lois Kolkhorst establishes nursing scholarships for nursing schools. | | | |



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES THAT PASSED

SB 30, the supplemental budget bill, appropriates \$40 million to DSHS for the FQHC Incubator Program.

- ✓ Doubled the initial investment from the previous session.
- ✓ Hope to remove the cap on the grant so FQHCs can receive a larger grants capital projects



The
look of
success!

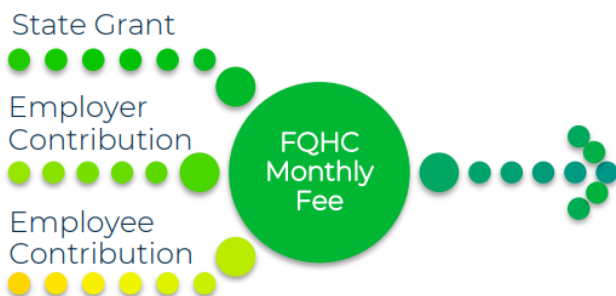
Extends postpartum Medicaid coverage from 2 months to 12 months through a State Plan Amendment.

- ✓ Speaker priority
- ✓ Huge coalition working on this for over a decade



House Gallery
with friends
celebrating
midnight
deadline

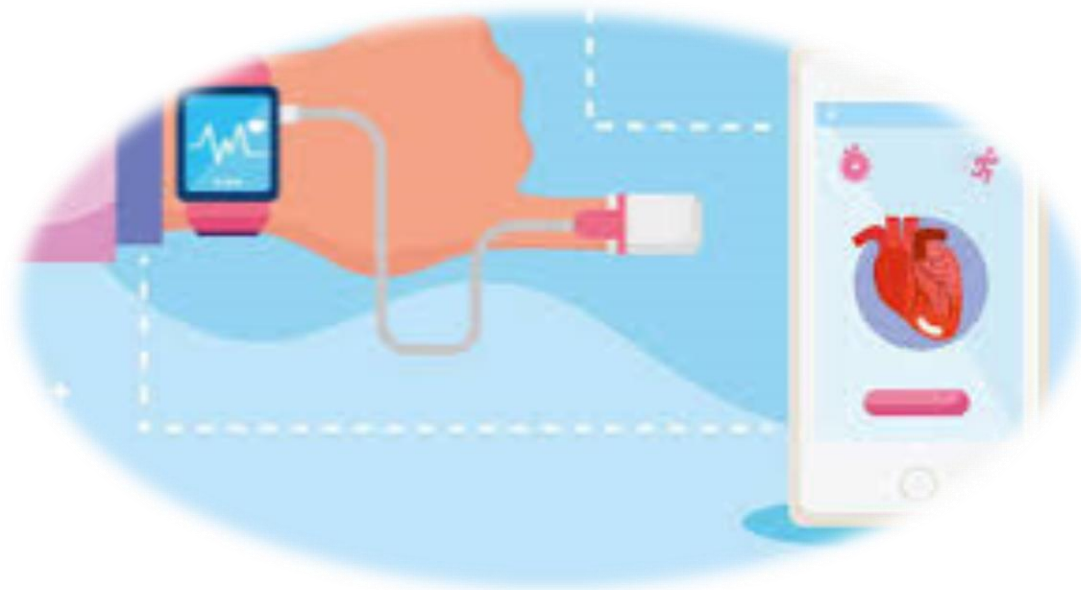
Establishes a pilot program to provide uninsured working adults employed at small businesses access to primary care through a value-based care arrangement with FQHCs.



Picture of House Vote on SB 2193

Adds FQHCs as reimbursable providers for RPM in Medicaid.

- ✓ Improves patient eligibility requirements for RPM
 - ✓ Adds high-risk pregnancy benefit





PRIORITY SUPPORT BILLS

Requires health plans and PBMs to apply rebates, third-party payments, financial assistance, or other reductions in out-of-pocket expenses by an enrollee or on behalf of an enrollee for a prescription drug to their deductible, copayment, cost-sharing responsibility, or out-of-pocket maximum.



Requires health plans, including Medicaid managed care and CHIP, to provide a three-month supply of covered contraception at one time when the patient obtains the drug the first time, and a 12-month supply of a covered contraceptive drug subsequently.

Requires HHSC to create standardized screening questions related to the nonmedical health related needs of pregnant women eligible for Medicaid and Alternatives to Abortion program.

- ✓ Also allows for community health workers and doulas to be reimbursed for providing services shown to improve maternal and infant health outcomes and increase self-sufficiency through the Case Management for Children and Pregnant Women (CPW) program.

Allows Medicaid managed care organizations to provide reimbursement for community health workers (CHWs) categorized as a quality improvement cost instead of an administrative cost.

- ✓ Important time to discuss opportunities to maximize CHWs for Medicaid members and potential reimbursement strategies including alternative payment models

Prohibits private health insurance plans that provide coverage for prescription drugs for individuals 18+ for serious mental illness from requiring the use of step therapy protocols before allowing for the prescribed drug to be covered.



Continues Medicaid coverage of SUD treatment services. The statute previously sunset the benefit and this bill removes the sunset date and makes the benefit permanent.



**DEFENSE &
BILLS THAT DID
NOT PASS**

Requires health care providers requesting payment from patients to provide an itemized bill with the cost of each service and supply within 30 days of receiving final payment from a third party.

✓ FQHCs are exempt from these requirements and penalties

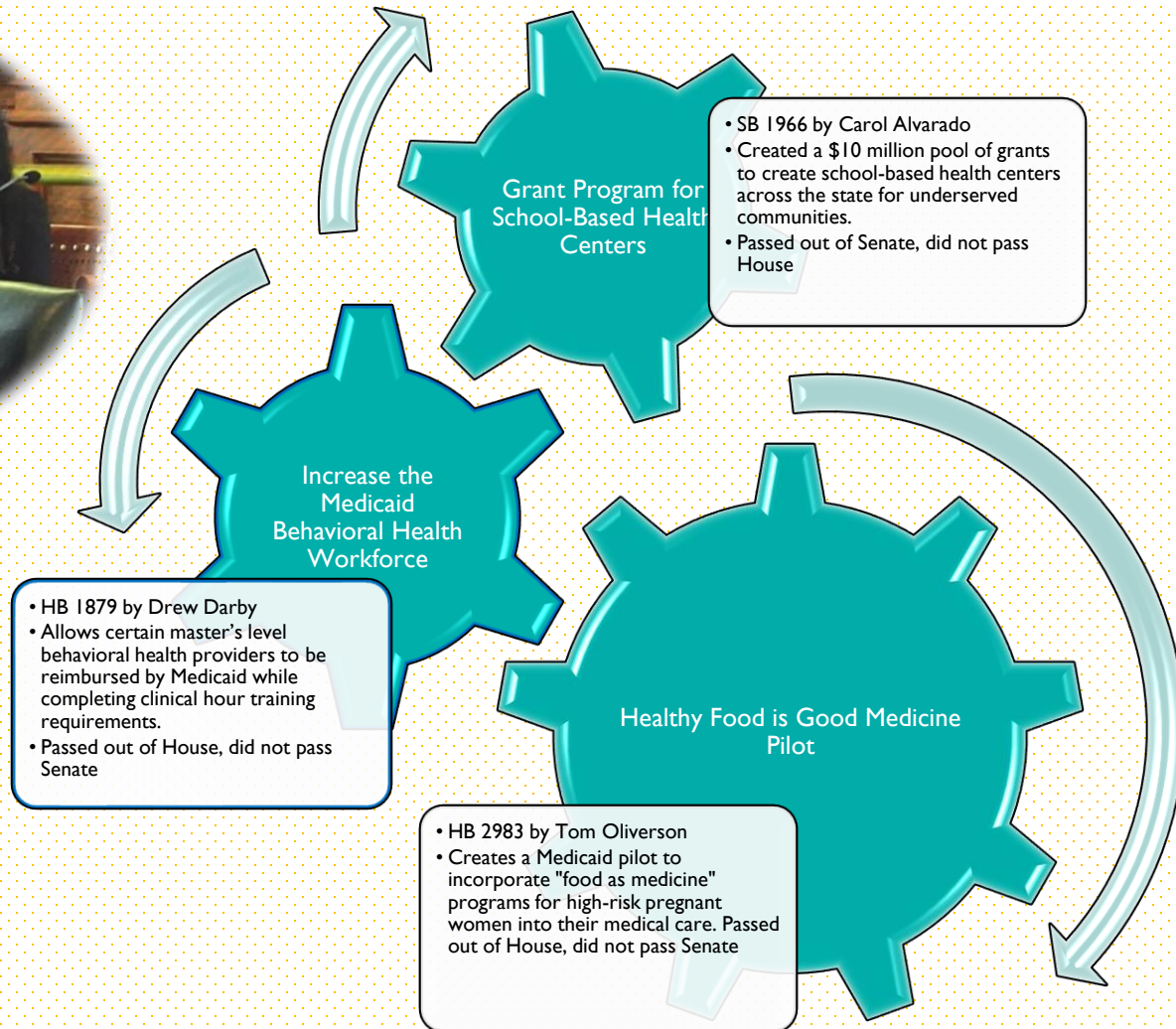
Under Medicaid or the child health plan program, a Provider may not refuse to provide health care services based solely on the recipient's or enrollee's refusal or failure to obtain a vaccine or immunization for a particular infectious or communicable disease.

- ✓ Prohibits Medicaid payments to individual providers that do not comply with this law
 - ✓ Exempts Oncology and Organ Transplant Providers





LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN SERVICES





 **LEGACY**
COMMUNITY HEALTH

CAPITOL DRAMA

Slaton Expelled



Following a House Vote, the House removed Slaton's name on the Board

Paxton Impeachment



Trial to Impeach Paxton is Ongoing

