



## **AGENDA**

### **EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**April 2, 2025  
3:30 PM**

**3100 Main Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium, Houston, Texas 77002**

**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE  
*External Relations Committee*  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**April 2, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the External Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Houston Community College will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 3:30 PM, or after, and from day today as required, 3100 Main Street, 2nd Floor Auditorium, Houston, Texas 77002. The items listed in this Notice may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Committee Chair and items listed for closed session discussion may be discussed in open session and vice versa as permitted by law. Actions taken at this Meeting do not constitute final Board action and are only Committee recommendations to be considered by the Board at the next Regular Board meeting.

**I Call to Order**

- A. Opportunity for Public Comments

**II Topics For Discussion and/or Action:**

- A. Report on External Relations Activities

**III Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071; 551.072 and 551.074, the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes:**

**A. Legal Matters**

Consultation with legal counsel concerning pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matters on which the attorney's duty to the System under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Laws.

**B. Personnel Matters**

Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, employee or board member to hear complaints or changes against an officer, employee or board member unless the officer, employee or board member who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

**C. Real Estate Matters**

Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for Agenda items if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the System in negotiations with a third person.

**IV. Additional Closed or Executive Session Authority:**

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board should be held

or is required in relation to any items included in this Notice, then such closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Board at that date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by the Notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session concerning:

Section 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matters on which the attorney's duty to the System under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Laws.

Section 551.072 - For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.073 - For the purpose of considering a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the System if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the System in negotiations with a third person.

Section 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer, employee or board member to hear complaints or changes against an officer, employee or board member unless the officer, employee or board member who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing.

Section 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices, or a security audit.

Section 551.082 - For the purpose of considering discipline of a student or to hear a complaint by an employee against another employee if the complaint or charge directly results in a need for a hearing, unless an open hearing is requested in writing by a parent or guardian of the student or by the employee against whom the complaint is brought.

Section 551.084 - For the purpose of excluding a witness or witnesses in an investigation from a hearing during examination of another witness in the investigation. Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then such final action, final decision, or final vote shall be at either:

A. The open meeting covered by this Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting, or

B. At a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine.

## **V. Reconvene in Open Meeting**

## **VI. Adjournment**

### **CERTIFICATE OF POSTING OR GIVING NOTICE**

On this **28th day of March 2025**, this Notice was posted at a place convenient to the public and readily accessible at all times to the general public at the following locations: (1) the HCC Administration Building of the Houston Community College, 3100 Main, First Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 and (2) the Houston Community College's website: [www.hccs.edu](http://www.hccs.edu).

Posted By:

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Sharon R. Wright  
Director, Board Services

# REPORT ITEM

**Meeting Date:** April 2, 2025

**Topics For Discussion and/or Action:**

ITEM #	ITEM TITLE	PRESENTER
A.	Report on External Relations Activities	Dr. Margaret Ford Fisher Remmele J. Young, J.D.

## DISCUSSION

Provide an update on the 89th Texas regular legislative session to include a discussion on current activities and events.

## COMPELLING REASON AND BACKGROUND

This update highlights matters relating to the Texas 89th regular legislative session. Specifically, discussion topics include: (1) HCC's bill tracking, (2) general and supplemental appropriations, and HCC-specific appropriations, (3) HCC non-formula funding, (4) emerging key bills, (5) notable committee assignments, and (6) the HCC legislative timeline.

The above-identified topics operate to apprise the HCC governing board on and about initiatives deemed important to the institution.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Under development.

## LEGAL REQUIREMENT

None.

## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

*1. Student Success*

### ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
ERC Feb02_25-Updated	4/2/2025	Presentation
ERC Feb02_25	3/26/2025	Presentation

### This item is applicable to the following:

Central, Coleman, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, District, Online



# External Relations Committee

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April 2, 2025

**Dr. Margaret Ford Fisher**, Chancellor

**Remmele J. Young, J.D.**, Vice Chancellor

Updated 4/2/2024



# Discussion Topic

89<sup>th</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
& RELATED CONSIDERATIONS



HCC is tracking 849 bills.





# COMMUNITY COLLEGES APPROPRIATIONS 2026-2027 BIENNIUM



**\$2,426,750,196\***

***General Appropriations***



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***General Appropriations***

- Formula appropriations include base tier, performance tier, performance tier dynamic adjustment and performance tier settle-up.

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION



**\$89,500,000\***

\* HB 500 (by Bonnen), relating to supplemental funding to community colleges by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), for the purpose of funding higher than projected growth in fundable outcomes set for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2014.

# FINANCIAL AID FOR SWIFT TRANSFER\*

## (FAST FUNDING/2023-2024)



**\$4,434,475**



**\$69,794,211**



**\$79,685,686**

- Created in HB 8 (88R) and provides funding for public institutions of higher education to offer dual credit courses to educationally disadvantaged students.

**Note:** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board included **\$162.2 million** in transfer from the Foundation School Program for the 2026-27 biennium. Source: Summary Budget Recommendations to Senate by the Legislative Budget Board.

# HCC REGIONAL RESPONSE EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER 2026-2027 BIENNIUM



**\$2,375,000**

***General Appropriations***



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***General Appropriations***

\* In August 2024, HCC timely submitted its Legislative Appropriations Request to the Legislative Budget Board for funding consideration. Maintaining HCC's funding request, the CSSB 1 passed the Senate, reported favorably, as substituted by the House, and is set on the House Calendar for April 10, 2025.



# WORKFORCE PROGRAM GROWTH INITIATIVE

## HCC RIDER REQUESTS

HOUSE		SENATE
\$28,000,000	2026	\$28,000,000
\$28,000,000	2027	\$28,000,000
<b>\$56,000,000*</b> (2026-2027)	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$56,000,000**</b> (2026-2027)

• The requested funds are in Article XI. See House Committee Substitute for SB 1, 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 2026-2027 biennium, at Art XI-House, page XI-15.

\*\* Senate Workgroup on Article III, did not adopt the Rider request for funding.

# KEY BILL TRACKING

## **HB 1** (Bonnen)

### ***General Appropriations Bill***

Identifies state appropriations for all state agencies and other entities, including higher education institutions, for the 2026-2027 biennium.

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#### **Status:**

Filed; introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations.  
February 25, 2025.\*

## **SB 1** (Huffman)

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#### **Status:**

Passed Senate. Set for House Calendar.  
April 10, 2025.\*

\* Key bill tracking status is current as of April 2, 2025.

# KEY BILL TRACKING

## HB 500 (Bonnen)

Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations

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### **Status:**

Set for House Calendar.  
April 10, 2025.\*

N/A

See status below.

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### **Status:**

There is no companion bill to HB 500.

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# KEY BILL TRACKING

## [HB 2856](#) (Howard)

Relating to a study concerning feasibility of implementing a statewide system for coordinating clinical training placements.

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### **Status:**

Committee action pending House Higher Education.  
April 1, 2025.\*

## [SB 1908](#) (Zaffirini)

Relating to a study concerning feasibility of implementing a statewide system for coordinating clinical training placements.

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### **Status:**

Introduced and referred to committee on  
Senate Education K-16.  
March 17, 2025.\*

\* Key bill tracking status is current as of April 2, 2025.



# KEY BILL TRACKING

## [HB 3923](#) (Bell)

Relating to state employment opportunities for individuals who do not hold a bachelor's degree.

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### **Status:**

Introduced and referred to committee on House Delivery of Government Efficiency.  
March 27, 2025.\*

## [SB 1041](#) (Parker)

Relating to state employment opportunities for individuals who do not hold a bachelor's degree.

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### **Status:**

Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business & Commerce.  
February 24, 2025.\*

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# KEY BILL TRACKING

## [HB 2110](#) (VanDeaver)

Relating to public higher education – students in grades 9 – 12 eligible to enroll at no cost in dual credit courses..., governing board shall exempt payment of tuition and required fees for dual credit courses.

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### **Status:**

Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education.  
April 1, 2025.\*

## [SB 1786](#) (Creighton)

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### **Status:**

Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Education K-16.  
April 1, 2025.\*

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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS KEY HCC DELEGATION MEMBERS

89<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION



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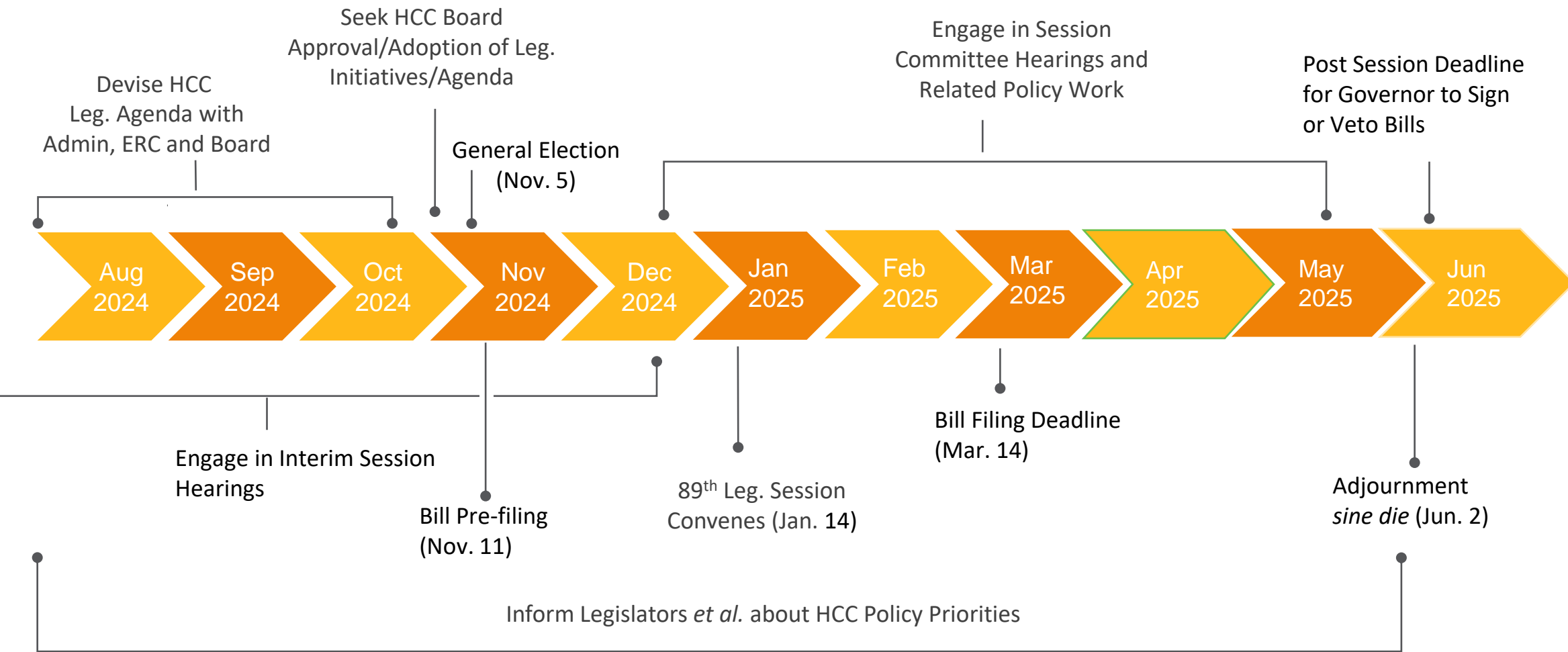


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# HCC Legislative Timeline



# Questions/ Discussion



# Thank you



# External Relations Committee

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HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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March 14, 2025.\*

N/A

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March 19, 2025.\*

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March 6, 2025.\*

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Status:

**Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education K-16.**

**March 13, 2025.\***

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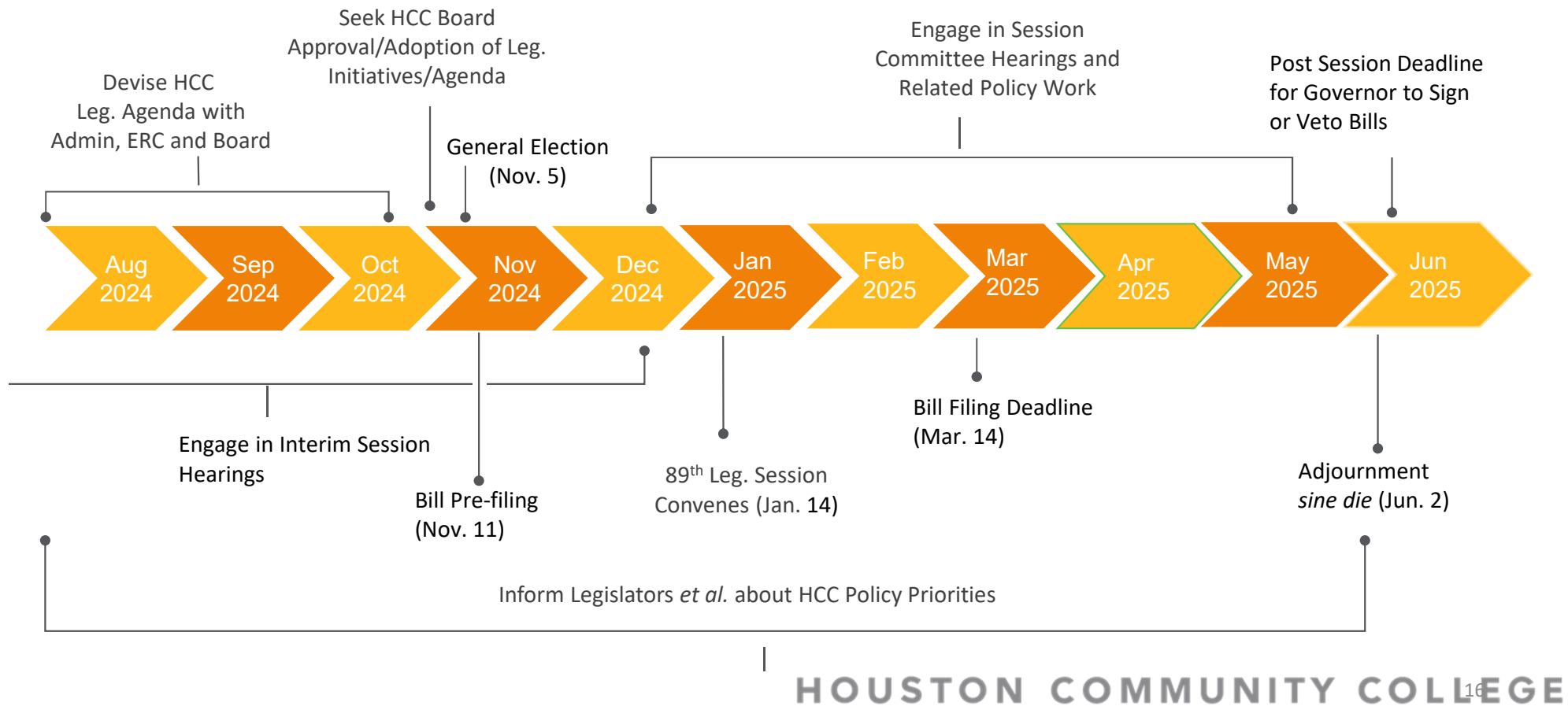
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# Questions/ Discussion



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