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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



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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.*



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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



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House Base Budget

House

- 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.



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Senate Base Budget

Senate

- No funding to support newborn screening for X-linked adrenoleukodystrophy (X-ALD).
- No funding to implement DSHS Maternal Health and Safety EI.
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Thank you

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