



Support HB 4519 by Rep. Claudia Ordaz

Environmental Defense Fund supports House Bill 4519 by Rep. Claudia Ordaz. The bill consolidates five distinct transportation-related grant programs in the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) – increasing efficiency for the agency and making it easier for companies seeking grant funds to navigate the application process.

HB 4519 requires a competitive application process, ensuring maximum reduction of emissions and giving companies that want to deploy advanced clean trucks in Texas the ability to seek funding for electric and hydrogen trucks, as well as infrastructure, with a single application.

Greater Efficiencies, Maximized Competition

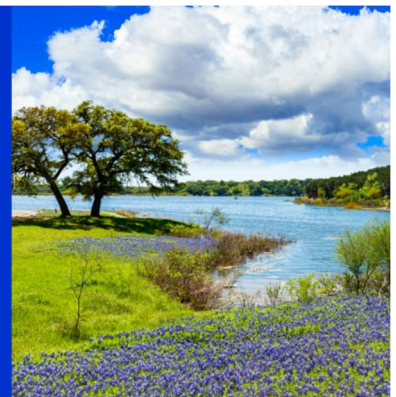
Companies seeking grants for electric or hydrogen fuel cell heavy-duty vehicles through TERP must navigate as many as six different grant programs, each with their own deadlines and requirements. Program consolidation and streamlined administrative policies can increase efficiency and maximize competitiveness in TERP.

The bill will combine the Texas Clean Fleet Program (TCFP), the Texas Hydrogen Infrastructure, Vehicle, and Equipment Grant Program (THIVE), the Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction Program (SPRY), the Alternative Fueling Facilities Program (AFFF), and the Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program (TNGVGP).

The new, consolidated program will require a competitive application for each project, allow for infrastructure dollars to be paired with any vehicle application, and provide applicants 30 days to review the grant before it opens.



TERP has been a critical instrument in addressing air quality challenges in Texas and promoting advanced technologies to reduce harmful emissions.



The bill maintains dollar amounts for all the TERP programs relative to FY 24-25 levels, while shifting the funding for THIVE and AFFF from fixed-dollar totals to percentage of all funds, as is custom with other grants.

To ask questions or learn more about our support for HB 4519, please contact Phillip Martin at pmartin@edf.org.