



Support HB 4841 by Rep. Rafael Anchía

Environmental Defense Fund supports House Bill 4841 by Rep. Rafael Anchía. The bill creates a third-party scrappage program for the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) – a database that gives companies applying for TERP grants the opportunity to identify vehicles old enough to qualify for the scrappage requirements established by the grants.

HB 4841 addresses the number one challenge of companies trying to apply for transportation-related TERP grants, while targeting improvements for small businesses and independent owner-operators often left behind in the advanced truck transition.

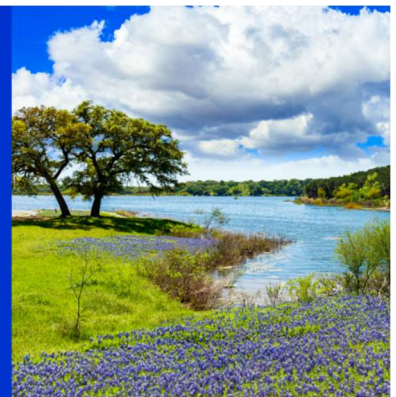
An Opportunity to Create a National Template

TERP, like vehicle grant programs in other states and at the federal level, requires that an applicant seeking funds for newer, cleaner trucks must scrap – or remove from the road – trucks with model year 2009 or sooner. The scrappage requirement is crucial for reducing emissions, but fleets in Texas that want to deploy clean hydrogen fuel-cell and electric vehicles often don't own trucks that meet the age requirement. At the same time, independent truck drivers and small businesses that account for tens of thousands of vehicles old enough to qualify don't have the time or resources to apply for TERP grants.

HB 4841 allows TCEQ to develop, recruit for, and maintain a database of independent owner operators and small businesses with qualifying pre-2009 vehicles to enter a database that TERP applicants can search to try and find a match for scrappage requirements.



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



If passed, the third-party scrappage database established by HB 4841 would be the first in the country, creating a national template that showcases Texas' innovation in transportation and unwavering support for small business.

To ask questions or learn more about our support for HB 4841, please contact Phillip Martin at pmartin@edf.org.