

# Texas Legislative Bill Summary on Solar

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## RPS Bills:

- **HB 3259 (Strama) + SB 1539 (Watson) + SB 330 + HB 774 (Anchia)** – Increase to 1,500 MW and/or make mandatory the state's current 500 MW target for renewable resources other than wind.

## Incentive Bills:

- **HB 2961 (Darby)** – Creation of a statewide incentive program for distributed and grid-scale solar.
- **HB 3532 (Strama)** – Creation of a competitive solar schools incentive program to increase distributed solar generation installed at schools.

## Market Rule Bills:

- **HB 340 (Gallego)** – Clarifies third party ownership rules for distributed renewable generation and minimum payments for surplus electricity.
- **SB 238 (West) + HB 362 (Solomons)** – Creates guidelines for solar policy in HOAs and creates basic solar rights from homeowners.
- **SB 981 (Carona) + HB 2288 (Crownover)** – Clarifies that third party owners of distributed renewable generation are not electric utilities, power generation companies, or retail electric providers

## Other

- **SB 1590 (Ogden)** – *Removes local control from school district property tax options (Chapter 313) that have otherwise been helpful for wind (and solar) development.*
- **SB 0015 (Fraser)** – *Authorizes creation of a 20-year horizon state energy plan, which potentially narrows renewable energy policy implementation options.*

**November 6, 2011: Utility Scale Solar Workshop 2**

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