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Texas DCRP Sunset Coalition of the Southwest Drycleaners Association Legislative Update





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Legislative Overview

- **TCEQ Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Program Status Report**
- **Strategy Discussion with Texas SDA Board members**
- **Update on Actions that support Strategy**
- **Legislative Leadership Discussion**
- **Way Ahead for the next couple of months**



- **TCEQ Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Program Status Report**
 - **Published every two years before the beginning of the even years**
 - **Distributed to Governor, LtGov, Speaker and Appropriate Standing Committees**
 - **All of those that will advocate for extension must know this Report**
- **Information Paper on DCRP Coalition Legislative Strategy**
 - **Overview and Outline to objectives and tasks to accomplish the stated goal of extending the DCRP to 2050**
 - **Necessary amendments as possible changing developments**



Communications with Stakeholders and Policy-makers

Phone calls with Legislative Staff in Senate and House (Supports Task 1, 7, & 8 of Strategy)

- **House Committee on Environmental Regulation,
Committee Director, Mr. Scott Crownover (May & June)**
- **House Committee on Business and Industry Committee,
Mr. Issac Escamilla (July)**
- **Ms. Deb Mamula, Senior Policy Advisor for LtGov Patrick
(June)**
- **Mrs. Kathi Seay, Policy Director, State Senator Hall of Van
Zandt County (May, June, and July)**
- **TCEQ Program Director for the DCRP, Mr. Kerry Martin
(June)**



Reading the Tea Leaves

- **Like most sessions with a new Speaker to be elected much is in the air**
- **There are some House members mentioned as strong contenders**
- **Much depends on the outcome of the Primary and General Elections**
- **Many Democrat members are holding their support until November**
- **If there is a Republican majority after Nov these are some prospects, Rep. Darby, Clardy, Ashby and Price**



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Future Actions

(Next 90 days)

- **Develop and Finalize Advocacy Talking points and paper (Task 3)**
- **Review and approve proposed legislative language draft (Task 4)**
- **Recruit Bill authors in House and Senate (Task 5)**
- **Monitor Primary and General Elections (Task 6)**
- **Analyze and Monitor Speaker Election (Tasks 7 & 8)**
- **Engage prospective leaders for next session (Task 7 & 8)**



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Recommendation

**To reconvene a meeting of the Coalition in two weeks to finalize the talking points that will be used by advocates for the extension of the DCRP
July 23rd ?**



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Questions

