

For more than three decades, renewable energy has thrived in Texas—**delivering significant economic benefits to communities and landowners while providing low-cost power to meet growing electricity demand.** As with oil and gas, Texas has become the **national leader in installed utility-scale wind and solar generation.**

Recognizing this success and seeking to strengthen landowner rights, the Texas Legislature in recent years has enacted some of the nation's most robust decommissioning requirements for wind and solar facilities. These standards require project owners to **fully cover the costs of facility removal and land restoration, with financial assurance structured in a manner prescribed by the private landowner.**



## Did You Know?

*In response to the rapid expansion of battery energy storage systems (BESS), decommissioning for BESS—including the costs of recycling and disposal—is currently being considered through SB 1824 & HB 3809?*



## What does **House Bill 3228** do?

HB 3228 builds on the aforementioned existing statutes by clarifying that project owners must also include in their financial assurance **the costs to collect and recycle or reuse all components capable of being recycled or reused—and to safely dispose of any remaining components that cannot.**

***This update comes at a critical time:** portions of Texas's wind fleet are nearing the end of their useful life or are being repowered, while utility-scale solar power is experiencing enormous growth.*

HB 3228 is a necessary step to **reinforce landowner protections and send clear market signals to support the development of a more robust recycling industry in Texas—aligning with findings from the TCEQ study conducted as a result of Senate Bill 1290, 88R (Perry/Landgraf).**

**We urge you to**  
**Vote YES on HB 3228!**