



Bill Digest Senate Bill 819



Senate Bill 819 (SB 819) (Kolkhorst) **reintroduces legislation that was already rejected** during the 88th Legislative Session. SB 819 threatens to:



Disregard **private property rights**



Increase **electricity costs**



Expand **government regulation**



Stifle **economic development**



Jeopardize **reliability**



Punish **Texas businesses**

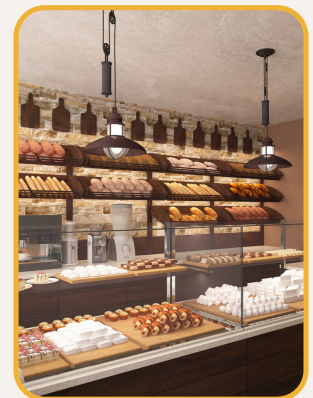
SB 819 Stifles **Economic Development**



- SB 819 **limits the ability of communities, especially in rural Texas, to attract capital investment** that increases local tax bases to pay for schools, infrastructure, and other local services **without raising taxes**.
- Landowners, local elected officials, and community leaders find **renewable energy projects favorable** for the stability that comes with **consistent long-term revenue streams**, and **over 75% of Texas counties are expected to receive tax revenues** from either wind, solar, or energy storage projects.¹

SB 819 Punishes **Texas Businesses**

- SB 819 **obstructs the ability of Texas businesses to negotiate long-term contracts for the cheapest electricity** to power their operations, ultimately allowing for increased production and future capital expenditures.
- SB 819 **neglects Texas' pro-business foundation**, which has always prioritized free-market solutions to drive competition and innovation, leading to lower prices for Texas consumers.



¹ The Economic Impact of Renewable Energy and Energy Storage Investments Across Texas. Dr. Joshua Rhodes. January 2025.



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