



# 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**

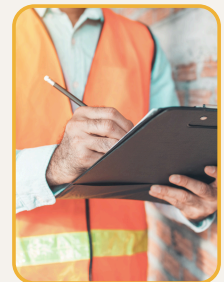
## SB 819 Disregards **Private Property Rights**



- Texans have long cherished their constitutionally protected private property rights, and SB 819 **gives a government agency the authority to determine whether Texans can enter into a voluntary contract to produce energy on their land.**
- SB 819 will **require permit seekers to notify communities within 25 miles of the project**, despite current standards requiring other power generators to give notice to those within just one mile. Rarely do standards require notifications that exceed five miles, even in states that have weaker private property protections.

## SB 819 Expands **Government Regulation**

- SB 819 will **expand the scope and duties of understaffed state agencies** in issuing the authority to request superfluous information, determine locational boundaries of clean energy facilities, and dictate how a project should maximize energy output. Over-burdensome, unnecessary, and duplicative regulation will **halt investment and innovation, squash competition, and raise prices for Texas consumers and industry.**
- **No other type of energy generation is included in the proposal**, even though renewable energy generation facilities use no water, emit no greenhouse gases, and allow landowners to continue using land for many other purposes during energy production. **Unlike other energy generation, renewable energy is also subject to rigorous decommissioning requirements in state law.**



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