

***CSHB 3356 guts a 2023 compromise and is a direct attack on grid reliability and the interests of Texas ratepayers.***

Last session, the Legislature passed forward-looking firming requirements for new generation. **This bill undoes that progress with retroactive mandates—opening the state to costly litigation** under the Texas Constitution, which offers even stronger protections against contract impairment than the U.S. Constitution.

## **CSHB 3356 JEOPARDIZES:**

### **AFFORDABILITY**

Firming requirements for new solar alone are projected to cost **\$1.6 billion annually**—a cost that will **fall entirely on your constituents**. Applying those mandates to existing projects will send costs soaring, with no corresponding benefit to reliability.

### **RELIABILITY**

ERCOT CEO Pablo Vegas warned in 2023 that **firming mandates amount to a "tax" on generation**—and emphasized that **megawatts from all resources are critical to meeting surging load growth** and supporting the Texas Miracle.

### **INVESTMENT**

Thanks to recent legislative reforms and strong performance by solar and battery energy storage, ERCOT reliability has improved with zero conservation calls in 2024, growing reserve margins, and lower prices. **This bill would reverse that progress for purely political reasons—and force generators to retire while discouraging new investment.**

**Don't be fooled: CSHB 3356 is worse than the bill as filed.** The committee substitute:

- Keeps unconstitutional retroactive mandates
- Exempts aging thermal generators
- Requires solar to firm at night
- Strips ERCOT's authority to define firming hours

**THE BOTTOM LINE: A vote for CSHB 3356 is a vote to raise electricity bills, remove power from the grid, and drive investment out of Texas.**

## **VOTE NO on CSHB 3356!**