

TPHA Advocacy

Quick Guide for Tracking Bills Using MyTLO

Overview

For public health professionals and advocates aiming to influence public health policy in Texas, tracking legislative bills is crucial. MyTLO, the Texas Legislature Online portal, offers an efficient way to monitor and engage with legislative processes.

For the 89th Texas Legislature and the 89th Texas Legislative Session:

- Bill filing starts on November 11, 2024
- Legislative session runs from January 14, 2025 to June 2, 2025

Here's a step-by-step guide to using MyTLO effectively:

1. Access MyTLO

Begin by visiting the MyTLO landing page at MyTLO Website: <https://capitol.texas.gov/Home.aspx>. Here, you will need to create a login account to access the full suite of tracking features. This account will be your gateway to staying updated on legislative developments.

2. Customize Tracking

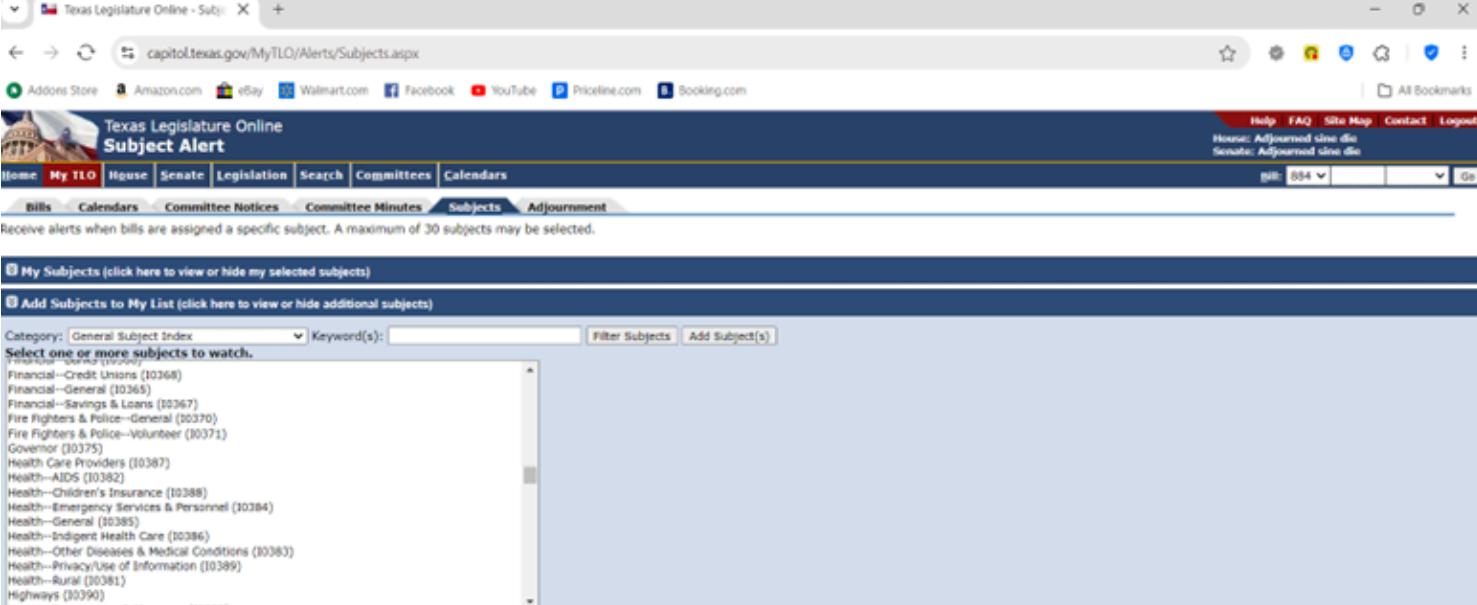
Once logged in, customize your tracking experience by creating a list of subjects you wish to follow. These categories will help you filter and focus on the bills most pertinent to your interests and advocacy goals.

- For public health-related bills, consider following these categories: **Health, Disaster Preparation, State Finances (Appropriations & Budget), City and County Government, Human Services** (with multiple subtopics available)

3. Set Bill Alerts

After identifying bills of interest, set up alerts to stay informed about key legislative actions. This ensures you are notified of critical developments:

- **“Scheduled for hearing (H)”: Receive notifications when a bill reaches the committee stage, allowing you to submit written testimony or comments.**
- **“House Calendar action (H)” / “Senate Calendar action (S)”: Be alerted when bills are scheduled for action, enabling timely contact with legislators during crucial decision points.**

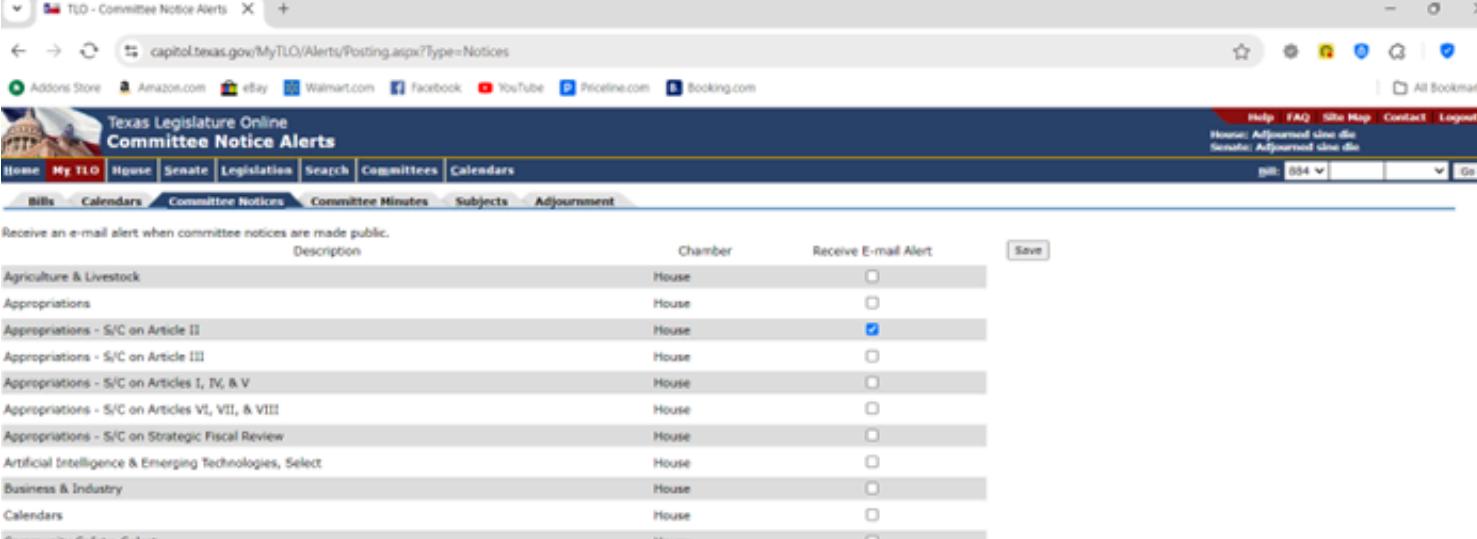


The screenshot shows the 'Subject Alert' page of the Texas Legislature Online. At the top, there are links for Help, FAQ, Site Map, Contact, and Logout. Below the header, there are tabs for Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search, Committees, and Calendars. The 'Subjects' tab is selected. A sub-menu for 'Subjects' is open, showing a list of categories to watch, such as Financial—Credit Unions (10368), Financial—General (10365), Financial—Savings & Loans (10367), Fire Fighters & Police—General (10370), Fire Fighters & Police—Volunteer (10371), Governor (10375), Health Care Providers (10387), Health—AIDS (10382), Health—Children's Insurance (10388), Health—Emergency Services & Personnel (10384), Health—General (10385), Health—Indigent Health Care (10386), Health—Other Diseases & Medical Conditions (10383), Health—Privacy/Use of Information (10389), Health—Rural (10381), and Highways (10390). There is also a link for 'My Subjects' (click here to view or hide my selected subjects) and 'Add Subjects to My List' (click here to view or hide additional subjects). A 'Category' dropdown and a 'Keyword(s):' search bar are also present.

4. Monitor Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are where significant discussions and decisions occur. Keep track of these meetings, especially those involving committees that frequently handle public health matters, to gain insight into the legislative process and to engage more effectively:

- **House Committees: Public Health, Appropriations**
- **Senate Committees: Health and Human Services, Finance, State Affairs, Local Government**



The screenshot shows the 'Committee Notice Alerts' page of the Texas Legislature Online. At the top, there are links for Help, FAQ, Site Map, Contact, and Logout. Below the header, there are tabs for Home, My TLO, House, Senate, Legislation, Search, Committees, and Calendars. The 'Committee Notices' tab is selected. A sub-menu for 'Committee Notices' is open, showing a list of committees and their chamber, with checkboxes for receiving email alerts. The committees listed are Agriculture & Livestock (House), Appropriations (House), Appropriations - S/C on Article II (House), Appropriations - S/C on Article III (House), Appropriations - S/C on Articles I, IV, & V (House), Appropriations - S/C on Articles VI, VII, & VIII (House), Appropriations - S/C on Strategic Fiscal Review (House), Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies, Select (House), Business & Industry (House), Calendars (House), and Community Safety, Select (House). A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the list.

Using MyTLO, public health professionals and advocates can stay informed, engage effectively, and contribute to shaping public health policy in Texas.

This proactive approach ensures that you remain at the forefront of legislative changes and can influence outcomes that align with your advocacy goals.