

TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION

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Agency at a Glance

The Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) manages the building construction, maintenance, and leasing needs of state agencies. TFC carries out the following key activities.

- Planning and providing office space for state agencies through the design and construction of facilities or through leasing services.
- Maintaining state-owned facilities in a secure and cost-efficient manner.
- Providing various support services to state agencies, such as operating state and federal surplus property programs and coordinating the recycling program.

The Sunset Commission focused on the ongoing appropriateness of its 2013 TFC recommendations.

Summary

As directed by the 83rd Legislature, the Sunset Commission performed a limited scope review of TFC to follow up on the full Sunset review of the agency conducted in 2013. At that time, the Sunset Commission adopted and forwarded recommendations on TFC to the 83rd Legislature. These recommendations were incorporated into Senate Bill 211, which ultimately passed, continuing TFC for eight years. In separate legislation, House Bill 1675, the Legislature shortened TFC's Sunset date to two years, continuing the agency until 2015, and focused this current Sunset review on evaluating the ongoing appropriateness of the original recommendations adopted by the Sunset Commission.

The Sunset Commission concluded that all of the previous recommendations remain appropriate. Since the previous Sunset Commission and the 83rd Legislature adopted these recommendations, no further action is necessary on these topics. The following material summarizes the Sunset Commission's recommendation regarding the continuation of TFC.

Issue and Recommendation

Issue 1

Texas Has a Continuing Need for the Texas Facilities Commission.

The State continues to need an agency with the expertise to manage and preserve the value of the building, office, parking, and associated infrastructure that support state government operations. By centralizing facilities-related duties within TFC, state agencies can focus on carrying out their respective missions, at less cost to the State, precluding these agencies from performing duplicative functions.

Recommendation

Change in Statute

1.1 Continue the Texas Facilities Commission for six years to align its review with other state agencies that provide administrative support services in Texas.

This recommendation would continue TFC as an independent agency for six years, until 2021, and keep its Sunset review aligned with the reviews of the Department of Information Resources and Comptroller of Public Account's Texas Procurement and Support Services Division, the other state agencies that provide administrative support services. Aligning these Sunset review dates would allow for a comprehensive review of the State's overall approach to providing administrative support services.

Fiscal Implication Summary

This recommendation would not have a fiscal impact to the State.