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**Senator Craig Estes**  
**Texas State Senate District 30**

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**Senator Estes files Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Extension Bill**

**Austin** - Senator Craig Estes filed Senate Bill 26 today, which would renew and expand the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP). TERP is the State's flagship program for lowering tropospheric ozone emissions to bring Texas into compliance with the national ambient air quality standards issued by the EPA under the federal Clean Air Act. The EPA recently tightened these standards, meaning the State will need every available tool, including TERP, to achieve compliance.

"I believe this bill will mitigate the damage being done to Texas businesses by overreaching EPA regulations," said Senator Estes. "Texas has significantly improved air quality over the last thirty years, and this bill will continue that progress without damaging our economy."

The Texas Legislature established the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan in 2001 to provide voluntary incentives to eligible individuals, businesses, or local governments to reduce emissions and improve air quality in Texas. TERP is comprised of fourteen different programs: eight offer incentives to convert or replace dirty engines with cleaner ones, three promote energy efficiency, and three fund air quality research and monitoring. Five of the incentive grant programs are designed to encourage the use of vehicles fueled by alternative fuels that generally have fewer tailpipe emissions than gasoline and diesel. These alternative fuel programs will expire in 2017 and 2018 if they are not renewed this session. The remainder of TERP will expire in 2019 if not extended.

Senator Estes continued, "I appreciate Lt. Governor Patrick prioritizing Senate Bill 26. We, as Legislators, have a duty to ensure that our children, grandchildren, and future generations have both clean air and a strong economy. This bill keeps Texas on track to have both."

*Estes serves nearly 820,000 constituents across Senate District 30 which includes all of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Erath, Grayson, Jack, Montague, Palo Pinto, Parker, Wichita, Wise, and Young counties and parts of Collin and Denton counties.*

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