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Regarding: Senate

Message:

Dear Committee Members:

The proposed changes to SD 28 and SD 31 that I would like to recommend would make the districts more compact and easier to represent.

In the original plan filed in Senate (Plan 2101), SD 31 would have stretched approximately 470 miles from north to south and nearly 270 miles wide. The subsequent plan 2108 still provides extremely elongated districts for SD 28 and SD 31 which appears to be more about preserving the existing districts at the expense of providing a manageable district that could be adequately represented in the Texas Senate.

The configurations of SD 28 and SD 31 in the currently filed proposals would be unfair to the senators trying to represent those districts, as well as, the citizens they were trying to represent.

In the alternative districts submitted here (Exhibit A), we reduce the length and width of the district considerably (120 miles by 70 miles). While the districts are still very large, the reduction in distances will make it much easier to travel the district.

The new districts would also be more geared to communities of interest. The proposed alternative District 28 would constitute 44% of Texas severance tax generation (oil and gas production) providing a significant and common community of interest. The new district 28 would encompass much of the central Permian Basin, which constitutes the largest oilfield in the world. (Exhibit B)

The alternative 31 would only constitute roughly about 5% of those same energy severances, however, it has the vast majority of cattle production in the state, providing a different community of interest unique to the Texas Panhandle and also critical in importance to the state. (see Exhibit C & D)

The new district 28 would have a common community of interest in that there are two air force bases within 100 miles of each other (Goodfellow-San Angelo and Dyess-Abilene). In addition, it serves as home to a majority of the state's alternative energy generation capability,

specifically, wind and solar. (see Exhibit E)

Due to the communities of interest mentioned, and in order to make a more compact district that could be more adequately represented and served, the re-orientation of both SH 28 and SD 31 in the current map from the previous north-south to a more east-west orientation, would better serve the public interest.

EXHIBIT A

STATE SENATE DISTRICTS

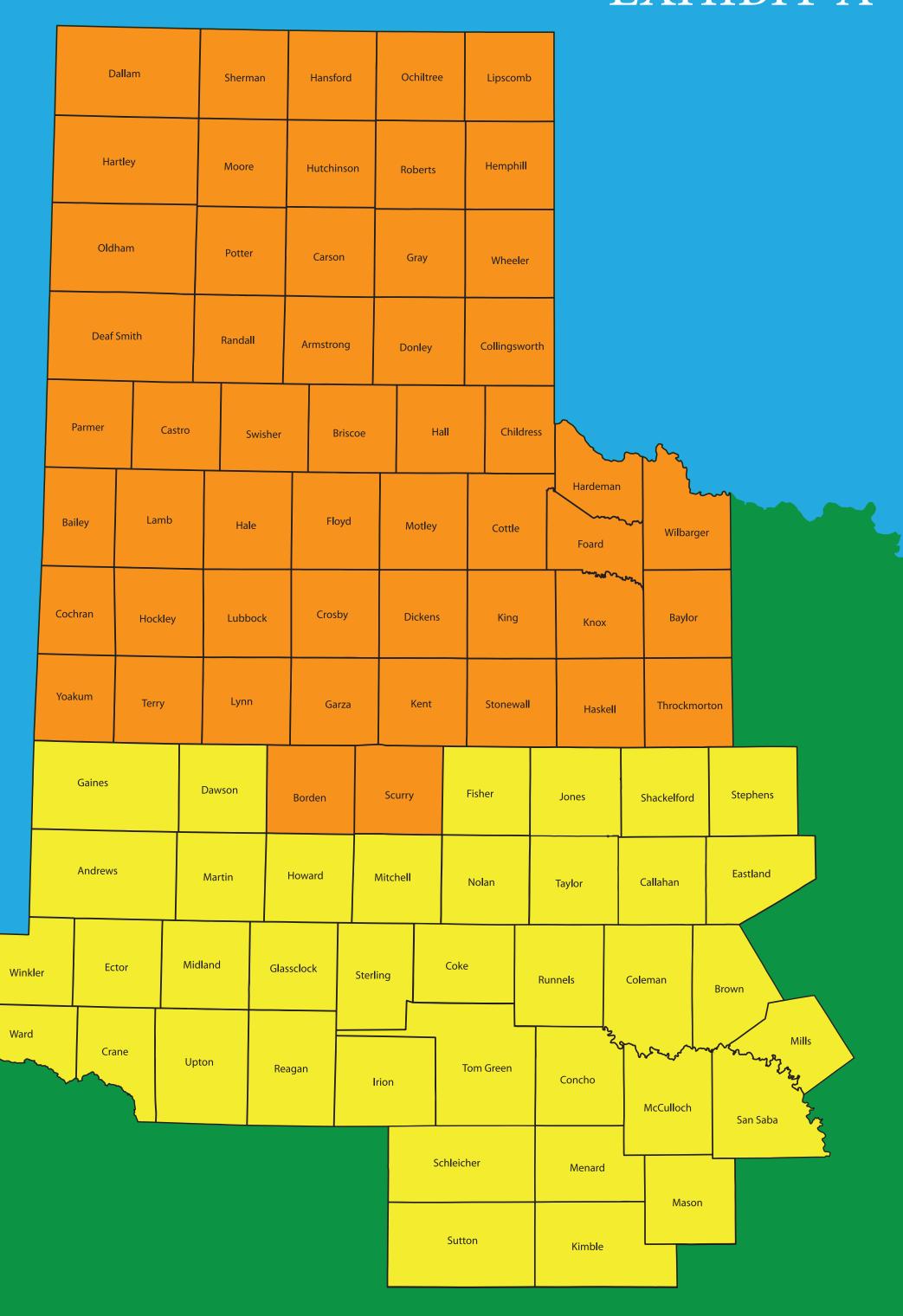
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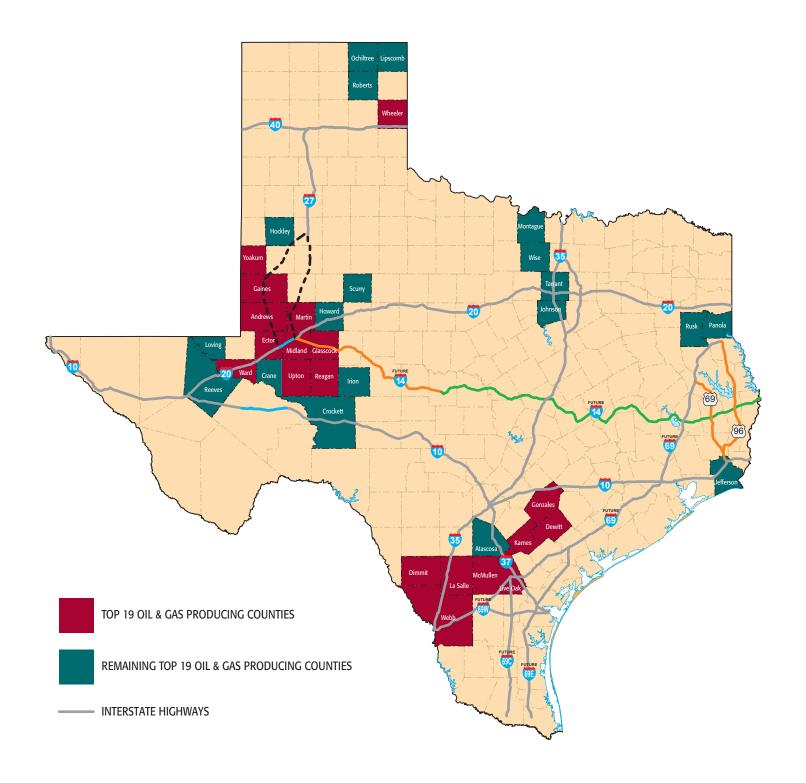
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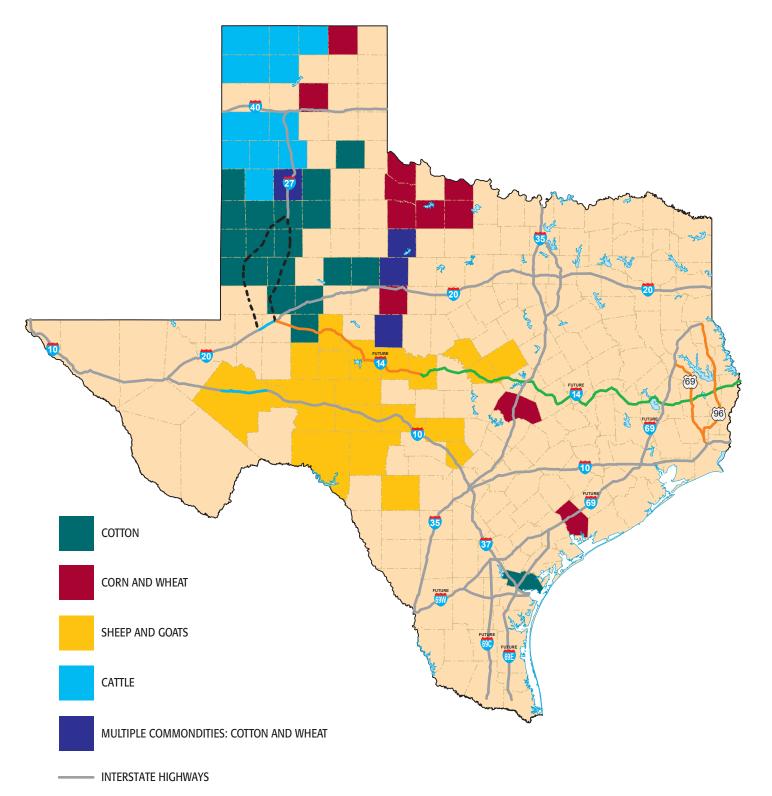
TEXAS TOP OIL & GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES





OVER 75% OF TEXAS ENERGY PRODUCTION (BOTH OIL & GAS) IS GENERATED BY JUST 38 OF THE 254 COUNTIES IN TEXAS.

TOP AGRICULTURE PRODUCING COUNTIES Exhibit C





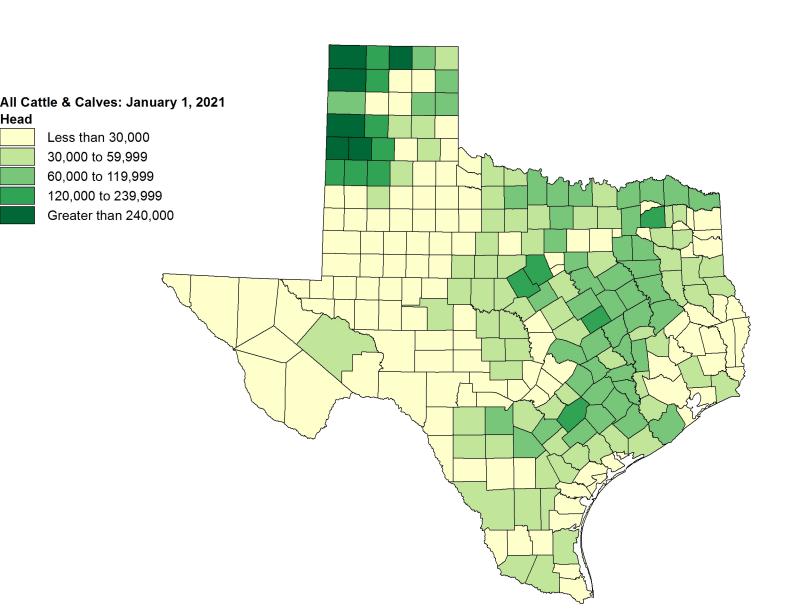


Exhibit E

MOTRAN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY MAP

