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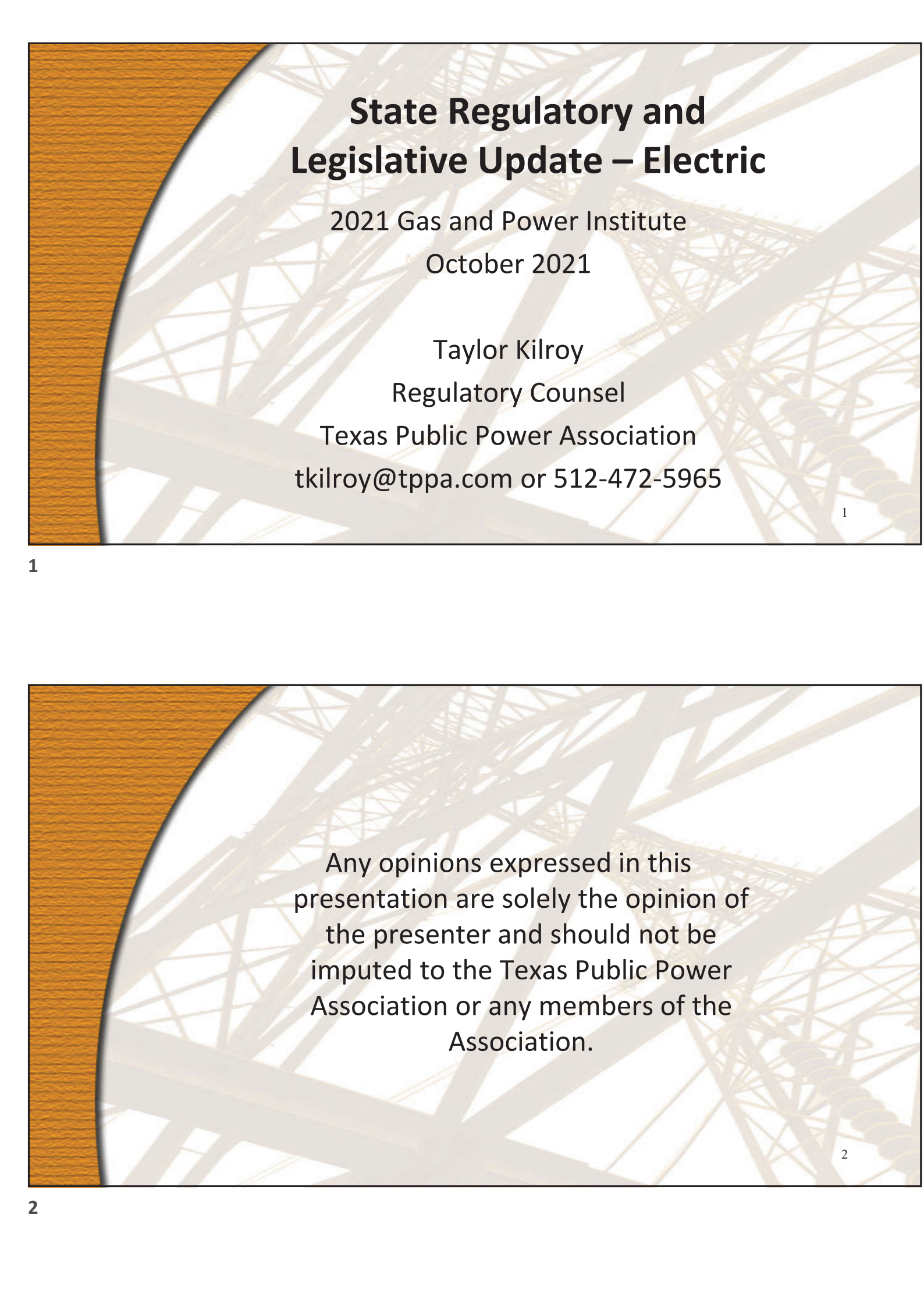
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## Overall Legislative Statistics

- Nearly 7,000 bills were filed in 2021. About one-in-seven was passed.
- Legislators also filed more than 3000 resolutions.
- About 400 bills related to energy and utility issues.

Status	House Bills	Senate Bills	Total
Filed	4671	2256	6927
Passed	587	486	1073
Vetoed	12	8	20

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## Backdrop of the 87th

- New House Speaker, Dade Phelan
- Five emergency items from Gov. Abbott: expanding broadband access, punishing local governments who defund the police, changing the bail system, election integrity, providing civil liability protections for businesses that opened during the pandemic.
- Winter Storm Uri and the failure of the electric grid refocused the Lege on PUC, ERCOT, and industry reform.

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## **PUC and ERCOT Reform**

- SB2/Hancock – requires Texas residency for PUC, OPUC, ERCOT Board; removes segment representatives on ERCOT Board; requires PUC approval of ERCOT Protocol changes
- SB2154/Schwertner – expands PUC to five commissioners, requires only two to be well-informed in utilities regulation
- HB2586/Thierry – requires PUC to have an audit performed on ERCOT annually

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## **Senate Bill 3**

- Statewide power outage system via TDEM
- Texas Energy Reliability Council and Electricity Supply Chain Mapping Committee established in statute
- Requires generators, transmission owners, and some gas facilities to weatherize
- Requires utilities to inform customers about load shedding programs
- Requires PUC to review ancillary services and establish an emergency price cap

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