

Smith named committee chair

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Rep. Wayne Smith (R-Baytown) has been named Chairman of the Texas House Committee on Environmental Regulation by House Speaker Joe Straus. Smith was also appointed to serve on the County Affairs Committee.

“I know that Wayne will serve our body well this role (Chairman of the Texas House Committee on Environmental Regulation) which oversee, while adding his talent and experience as a member of the House Committee on County Affairs,” Speaker Straus said.

The Environmental Regulation committee consist of nine members, with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to air, land and water pollution, including the environmental regulation of industrial development; the regulation of waste disposal; environmental matters that are regulated by the Department of State Health Services or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; oversight of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as it relates to environmental regulation and the following state agencies: The Texas Low-Level Radioactivity Waste Disposal Compact Commission and the board of the Texas Environmental Education Partnership Fund.

“It is an honor to be appointed the Chairman of the Environmental Regulation Committee. I appreciate the Speaker’s confidence in me and look forward to the challenge,” Rep. Smith said.