



Support Adopting Key Measures to Reduce Metal Theft

AECT Position: **Support**

**CSSB 513 by Taylor
CSHB 2187 by Smith**

Key Proposals

- Under CSSB 513/CSHB 2187, payment for regulated metals would be made by check, money order, direct deposit, or by cash when using an approved “cash transaction card.”
 - The “cash transaction card” would initially be mailed to the seller, establishing the seller’s address and other identifying information. Once the seller has received the “cash transaction card,” they may receive cash for sales of regulated metals.
- CSSB 513/CSHB 2187 adds lead batteries and power inverters to the list of regulated metals.
- The bill also adds two Sheriffs to the metal recycling advisory committee.

AECT Strongly Supports Efforts to Curb Metal Theft

- Metal theft has become a major problem for many Texas communities.
- The cost of repairing and replacing the stolen property is far greater than just the nominal value of the metal itself.
- If a metal theft causes a power outage, the loss is multiplied by the lost business of all of the affected customers.
- Injuries or fatalities caused by the unsafe conditions created by the theft add additional costs from medical treatment and civil lawsuits. Moreover, the unsafe conditions create a public safety hazard and dangerous working conditions for utility employees due to the extreme hazard of ungrounded high voltage equipment.
- Cash transactions related to metal theft may also create a loss of income for the state because unregistered businesses are not documenting the transactions.

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