

Interim Hearings - Week of March 12, 2012

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Today's Committee Meetings on the LRL website is a calendar of interim committee hearings with links to agendas. The following may be helpful resources for upcoming hearings.

Thursday, March 15th

House Committee on Economic and Small Business Development

Charge 3: State efforts to encourage new business growth and retain existing businesses in order to strengthen our economy; consolidated approach to statewide economic development

- *Economic Development in Texas: Programs and Incentives*, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, September 2011
- *An Analysis of Texas Economic Development Incentives 2010*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, December 2010, last updated April 19, 2011
- *Slashing Subsidies, Bolstering Budgets: How States Can Save Money by Targeting Ineffective Economic Development Programs*, Good Jobs First, March 2011
- *Public-Private Power Grab: The Risks in Privatizing State Economic Development Agencies*, Good Jobs First, January 2011

House Committee on the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Charge 1: Effects on domestic violence victims in the judicial process if courts are permitted to issue agreed protective orders without a finding of violence

- *Civil Protection Orders: A Guide for Improving Practice*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 2010 (see especially pp. 83-104 of the PDF)
- *Texas Family Violence Benchbook*, Texas Office of Court Administration, September 2011 (see especially pp. 46-47 and 336-342 of the PDF)

Charge 2: Discrepancies in guardianship and child custody statutes; solving problems surrounding "arbitrary and capricious" findings by trial court judges

- *Child Protective Services Handbook*, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, last updated March 1, 2012
- "Judge's Adoption Express Had One Final Run," *Houston Chronicle*, January 4, 2011
- *Reasonable Efforts to Preserve or Reunify Families and Achieve Permanency for Children: Summary of State Laws*, Child Welfare Information Gateway, July 2009

- "Yours, Mine, Ours? Why the Texas Legislature Should Simplify Caretaker Consent Capabilities for Minor Children and the Implications of the Addition of Chapter 34 to the Texas Family Code," *Texas Tech Law Review*, 2010