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Today's Committee Meetings on the LRL website is a calendar of interim committee hearings with links to agendas. Below are resources related to upcoming Interim Hearings.

March 10th

House Committee on County Affairs

Charge 1: Population growth and impact on housing, available land resources, businesses, and the state's economy

- *The State of the Nation's Housing 2013*, Chapter 3, Demographic Drivers, Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University, June 2013
- Texas Population Projections Program, including population projections for individual Texas counties by age group and single years of age for 2010-2050, Texas State Data Center

Charge 2: Oversight of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, jail issues including mental health

- Texas Commission on Jail Standards, including County Population Reports updated February 26, 2014
- Mortality in Local Jails and State Prisons, 2000-2011 Statistical Tables, Bureau of Justice Statistics, August 2013
- Texas County Resources, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition

Charge 3: Monitor health advisory panel from HB 3793, 83rd Legislature

- "Mental Health Advisory Panel to Create a Statewide Plan," Texas Association of Counties
- House Bill 3793 83(R), advisory panel meetings and agendas, Texas Department

of State Health Services

Charge 4: Cite-and-summons policy and effect on overcrowding in county jails

• Costly Confinement & Sensible Solutions: Jail Overcrowding in Texas, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, 2010

Charge 5: Veterans courts and implementation of SB 462, 83rd Legislature (Joint Charge with House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs)

- "Iraq War Vet Talks About Experience in Veterans Court at Lubbock Conference," Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, February 20, 2014
- "From PTSD to Prison: Why Veterans Become Criminals," The Daily Beast, July 28, 2013
- Veterans Courts, Resource Guide, National Center for State Courts
- Veterans Courts in Texas (County Directory), Texas A& MUniversity System

Charge 6: Legislative oversight and monitoring of the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 83rd Legislature