

Interim Hearings – Week of October 6, 2014

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House Committee on [Appropriations - S/C on Article II](#)

Topic: [Speaker's Strategic Fiscal Review Charge](#) testimony regarding:

- General Revenue-funded Programs at the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

House Committee on [Appropriations - S/C on Articles VI, VII, & VIII](#)

Topic: [Speaker's Strategic Fiscal Review Charge](#) testimony regarding:

- Public Utility Commission
- Texas Emissions Reduction Plan at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Department of Transportation

House Select Committee on [Health Care Education & Training](#)

Topics: Innovative educational models, state workforce programs and policy recommendations to strengthen the health care workforce in Texas; dental health care workforce; veterans employment opportunities in health care careers

- [*Part of the Solution: Pre-Baccalaureate Healthcare Workers in a Time of Health System Change*](#), Brookings Institution, July 24, 2014

- *Expanding the Dental Team: Increasing Access to Care in Public Settings*, Pew Charitable Trusts, June 30, 2014
- *Developing an Effective Health Care Workforce Planning Model*, American Hospital Association, September 2013
- *Meeting the Demand: Strategies to Improve Access to Oral Health Services*, Pew Charitable Trusts, National Conference of State Legislatures, 2013
- *Health Professional Shortage Areas* (including Dental), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration
- *Hiring Veterans: A Step-by-Step Toolkit for Employers*, U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment & Training Service

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House Committee on [Appropriations - S/C on Article III](#)

Topic: [Speaker's Strategic Fiscal Review Charge](#) testimony regarding:

- Higher Education Coordinating Board
- University System Offices
- Available University Fund
- Texas Education Agency

House Committee on [Criminal Jurisprudence](#)

Charge: Impact of [SB 1289](#), 83rd Legislature, R.S., sale of criminal histories and arrest records

- [Mug Shots and Booking Photo Websites](#) (state legislation, including Texas SB 1289), National Conference of State Legislatures

Charge: Non-traditional criminal offenses outside of the Penal Code, use of the Rule of Lenity and Mens Rea requirements in Texas

- ["At the State Level, So-Called Crimes Are Here, There, Everywhere,"](#) Marc A. Levin, Texas Public Policy Foundation, published in *Criminal Justice*, Volume 28, Number 1, Spring 2013, American Bar Association

Charge: Deferred adjudication and orders for non-disclosure, use of expunction of criminal records history

- *Criminal Records in the Digital Age: A Review of Current Practices and Recommendations for Reform in Texas*, William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, The University of Texas School of Law, March 2013
- *Criminal Records Service*, Texas Department of Public Safety
- *Frequently Asked Questions - Deferred Adjudication*, Office of District Attorney, Harris County, Texas

Charge: Current pecuniary loss thresholds associated with graffiti offenses, existing Graffiti Abatement Programs in Texas

- *Graffiti Abatement Programs in Texas*, Texas Attorney General

Charge: Community supervision in state jail felonies and effectiveness of the state jail

- *Who is in State Jail?, Who Entered State Jail?, Who Exited State Jail?* (Fiscal Year 2012), Legislative Budget Board, February 2013
- *Putting 'Corrections' Back in State Jails: How to Reform Texas' Expensive, Ineffective State Jail System*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, November 2012
- *Talking Points: Safe Alternatives to State Jail Will Increase Cost Savings, Public Safety, and Personal Responsibility*, including history of state jail system in Texas, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, December 2012

House Committee on *Homeland Security & Public Safety*

Charge: Emergency preparedness

- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature*, House Committee on Emergency Preparedness, December 12, 2010
- *Texas Division of Emergency Management*, Texas Department of Public Safety
- *Emergency Preparedness*, Texas Department of State Health Services
- *Emergency Management*, Office of the Governor

Topic: Border operations update

- "Guard's Arrival on Border Brings Reassurance, Concerns," *Texas Tribune*, August 27, 2014
- [Presentation to the House Select Committee on the Fiscal Impact of Texas Border Support Operations](#) (Power Point), Texas Health and Human Services System, July 29, 2014
- [Border Security Statistics](#), Texas Department of Public Safety

Topic: Driver Responsibility Program

- ["Is Traffic Surcharge Program a Trap for Texas Drivers?"](#), *Texas Tribune*, August 18, 2014
- [Driver Responsibility Program Draft Legislation](#) (Committee Meeting Handout), House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety, August 5, 2014
- [Analysis of Reduced DRP Surcharge Amounts](#) (Memorandum), Legislative Budget Board, July 31, 2014
- [Driver Responsibility Program](#) (Issue Brief), Legislative Budget Board, January 2013

Topic: Ammonium nitrate storage

- ["Texas Bill Would Delay New Rules on Storing Hazardous Chemicals,"](#) *Insurance Journal*, August 7, 2014
- ["Some Lawmakers Want Changes to Avoid Fertilizer Blasts,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, August 5, 2014
- [Ammonium Nitrate Draft Legislation](#) (Committee Meeting Handout), House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety, August 5, 2014
- ["In Other States, Ammonium Nitrate Laws Vary; Federal Regulation Still in Limbo,"](#) *Dallas Morning News*, November 3, 2013

House Committee on Insurance

Charge: Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA)

- [2014 Annual Report Card](#), Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, May 30, 2014
- [An Audit Report on the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association](#), State Auditor's Office, August 2012
- [Report to the 82nd Legislature](#), Windstorm Insurance Legislative Oversight Board, February 2011
- [Report to the 82nd Legislature](#) (Charge 1: HB 4409 and Texas Windstorm

[Insurance Association](#)), Senate Committee on Business and Commerce, December 2010

House Committee on [Agriculture & Livestock](#)

Topic: Agricultural commodity import traffic delays

- [International Marketing](#), U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, November 27, 2013
- ["Determining the Economic Costs of Border Crossing Delays,"](#) Texas A&M Transportation Institute, August 2013
- ["State Will Study Wait Times at Texas Ports,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, June 6, 2013
- ["North American Free Trade Agreement: Is it Important for Texas?"](#) Texas Department of Transportation, May 14, 2013
- ["State, Federal Lawmakers Focus on Produce Trade,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, March 5, 2013

Senate Committee on [Health & Human Services](#)

Topic: State's public health preparedness and response to infectious disease threats; overview of the ongoing local, state, and federal response to the confirmed Ebola case in Dallas

- ["Dallas County Officials Say They're in Charge of Ebola Response, with Help from CDC,"](#) *Dallas Morning News*, October 2, 2014
- ["Outbreaks: Protecting Americans from Infectious Diseases,"](#) Trust for America's Health, December 2013 and ["Study Says Texas Unprepared to Stop Spread of Infectious Disease,"](#) *Houston Chronicle*, December 18, 2013
- [Ebola: Latest Updates](#), City of Dallas
- [Ebola and Public Statement from DCHHS Director Zachary Thompson on First U.S. Diagnosed Ebola Case](#), Dallas County Health & Human Services
- [Texas Patient Tests Positive for Ebola and Infectious Disease Control Unit](#), Texas Department of State Health Services
- [Ebola Update](#), Office of the Governor
- [Ebola \(Ebola Virus Disease\)](#), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- [Ebola Virus Disease: Information for U.S. Healthcare Workers](#), National Institutes of Health

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House Committees on [Corrections](#) and [Public Education](#) (Joint Hearing)

Charge: Impact of [SB 393](#), 83rd Legislature, R.S. and [SB 1114](#), 83rd Legislature R.S.; School discipline and school-based policing

- "Finding Balance: Crime Control and Due Process in the Texas Public Schools and Misdemeanor Courts," *The Recorder*, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, August 2014
- *Class C Misdemeanor Citations and Complaints* (Student Misconduct), Texas Association of School Boards, July 2014
- *The School Discipline Consensus Report*, Council of State Governments Justice Center, June 3, 2014
- *Texas Senate Committee Takes up Issues of Student Discipline*, Texas AFT, June 3, 2014
- *Texas Criminal Justice Coalition Interim Testimony on SB393 and SB1114* (Senate Committee on Jurisprudence), Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, June 3, 2014
- *Interim Charge Regarding Implementation of SB 393 and SB 1114* (Senate Committee on Jurisprudence), Texas Association of School Boards, June 3, 2014
- *School Ticketing Implementation Guide* (SB 393 and SB 1114), Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, October 2013
- *Breaking Schools' Rules: A Statewide Study of How School Discipline Relates to Students' Success and Juvenile Justice Involvement* (Texas), Council of State Governments Justice Center, July 2011

House Committee on Corrections

Charge: Review of correctional facilities and processes within Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, and Texas Juvenile Justice Department with emphasis on efficiencies, effectiveness, and recidivism

- *Just Learning: The Imperative to Transform Juvenile Justice Systems Into Effective Educational Systems*, Southern Education Foundation, 2014
- *Annual Review of Treatment Effectiveness*, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, December 31, 2013
- *The Comeback States: Reducing Youth Incarceration in the United States*, National Juvenile Justice Network and Texas Public Policy Foundation, June 18, 2013
- *Community-Based Program Evaluation Series: Overview of Community-Based Juvenile Probation Programs*, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, June 2013
- *Comprehensive Report: Youth Reentry and Reintegration*, Texas Juvenile Justice Department, December 1, 2012
- *Juvenile Justice Guide Book for Legislators*, National Conference of State Legislatures, November 10, 2011
- *The State of Juvenile Justice in Texas: A Roadmap to Improved Outcomes in the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, Adult Certification, and Mental Health*, Children at Risk
- *TJJD Reports and Publications*, Texas Juvenile Justice Department

House Committee on Public Education

Charge: Implementation of HB 5, 83rd Legislature, R.S., and recommendations for improvement; creation of additional rigorous mathematics and science courses needed to address the current and projected needs of the state's workforce

- House Bill 5, Texas Education Agency

Joint Legislative Committee on Texas Lottery

Topic: Charitable bingo

- *Sunset Final Report with Legislative Action: Texas Lottery Commission* (Issue 4 and Issue 5), Sunset Advisory Commission, July 2013
- *Legislative Appropriations Request for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017* (Strategy Request: Enforce Bingo Laws/Rules for Fairness to Ensure Proceeds Used Lawfully), Texas Lottery Commission, August 12, 2014
- *Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2014* (Strategy Level Detail: Enforce Bingo Laws/Rules for Fairness to Ensure Proceeds Used Lawfully), Texas Lottery Commission, December 1, 2013
- *2013 Annual Report*, Charitable Bingo Operations Division, Texas Lottery Commission
- *A Follow-up Audit Report on The Charitable Bingo Operations Division at the Texas Lottery Commission*, State Auditor's Office, September 24, 2012
- *Regulations and Statutes*, Charitable Bingo Operations Division, Texas Lottery Commission

Topic: Elimination of the state lottery

- "Is it game over for the Texas Lottery?" *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, August 2, 2014
- *Sunset Final Report with Legislative Action: Texas Lottery Commission* (Issue 8), Sunset Advisory Commission, July 2013
- *Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2013 and Independent Auditor's Report*, Texas Lottery Commission, December 6, 2013
- *16 Years = \$16 Billion for Texas Education* (pie chart), Texas Lottery Commission
- *Sales and Revenue*, Texas Lottery Commission

House Committee on Ways & Means

Topic: Implementation of recent amendments to the property tax; frequency of reappraisals

- [Texas Property Tax Law Changes 2013](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, October 2013
- [Fiscal Note, 83rd Legislative Regular Session](#) (HB 3570 - Relating to limiting the frequency of reappraisals of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.), Legislative Budget Board, April 15, 2013

Topic: Marketplace Fairness Act

- [The Marketplace Fairness Act: A Primer](#), Tax Foundation, July 14, 2014
- [Collecting E-Commerce Taxes/E-Fairness Legislation](#), Nation Conference of State Legislatures, February 26, 2014

House Select Committee on [Transportation Funding, Expenditures & Finance](#)

Topic: Original purpose of the economic stabilization fund, appropriateness of using the net amount of oil and gas production taxes received in the 1987 state fiscal year as the basis for making general revenue transfers to the economic stabilization fund

- [Budget Overview: Process, Fiscal Policy, and Budget Mechanics \(Economic Stabilization Fund\)](#), Presented to Senate Finance Committee, Ursula Parks, Legislative Budget Board, August 12, 2014
- [Economic Stabilization Fund History: Balances and Expenditures \(Updated\)](#), Legislative Budget Board, August 7, 2013
- [FAQs About the Economic Stabilization \("Rainy Day"\) Fund](#), Legislative Reference Library, February 28, 2011
- ["Rainy Day Fund 101," Fiscal Notes](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, January-February 2011
- [Interim Report of the Senate Finance Committee, General Budget and Tax Issues Charges, Recommendations to the 79th Legislature, Charge: Rainy Day Fund](#), Senate Committee on Finance, December 2004

Topic: Additional funding made available to Texas Department of Transportation not originally identified in the 2014-15 General Appropriations Act

- [Legislative Appropriations Request for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017](#), Texas Department of Transportation, August 25, 2014
- [Analysis of Proposed Constitutional Amendment, November 4, 2014 Election \(Revised\)](#), Texas Legislative Council, June 2014

- *Funding Needs and Potential Sources*, Texas Department of Transportation

Topic: New and previously discussed future funding options

- *September 4, 2014 Notice, Minutes, Witnesses, Handouts/Presentations*, House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, Expenditures & Finance
- *Intergovernmental Challenges in Surface Transportation Funding*, Pew Charitable Trusts, September 23, 2014

Topic: Structure and functions of regional mobility authorities

- *Regional Mobility Authorities: A Partnership for Progress* (Handbook), Texas Department of Transportation, November 2013
- *An Audit Report on the Department of Transportation's Oversight of Regional Mobility Authorities*, State Auditor's Office, October 2007
- *Regional Mobility Authorities*, Texas Department of Transportation

House Committee on *Defense & Veterans' Affairs*

Charge: Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services (TCCVS) report recommendations; new methods to help homeless Veterans using state, regional, and local resources

- *Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services Second Report*, Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services, October 1, 2014,
- *Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services First Report*, Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services, October 1, 2012
- *Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness*, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- *Ending Veteran Homelessness Map* and *Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness Map*, National Alliance to End Homelessness

Charge: Strategies for effectively supporting military veteran students in their academic and workforce goals

- *Report of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for Rules Related to the Hazlewood Exemption Program*, Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services, January 3, 2014
- *Report and Recommendations to the 83rd Texas Legislature* (Charges 1, 3, 8)

Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, January 2013

- *College Credit for Heroes Report to the 83rd Legislature and Governor Rick Perry*, Texas Workforce Commission, November 1, 2012
- *For Military and Veterans*, College for all Texans
- *College Credit for Heroes*, Texas Workforce Commission