Interim Hearings - Weeks of November 27 and December 4, 2017

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November 30

House Committee on Special Purpose Districts

Charge 1: Impact of Hurricane Harvey on residential communities within special purpose districts, emergency preparedness and response of the districts

- "MUD Morass: Too Many Special Districts Proved Incapable of Handling Hurricane Harvey," *Houston Chronicle*, November 7, 2017
- 15-Point Flood Control Proposal, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, October 25, 2017
- "Harvey Reveals Flaws of Government by MUD," *Houston Chronicle*, October 19, 2017
- "MUDs' Disaster Preparedness and Hurricane Harvey," Association of Water Board Directors, October 2, 2017

Charge 2: Water district bonds

- *30 Texas Administrative Code §§ 293.41 - 293.61*, Issuance of Bonds, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- "Municipal Utility Districts Have Sweeping Power to Sell Bonds, Levy Taxes," *Houston Chronicle*, August 20, 2016, updated February 15, 2017
- *Interim Report, 78th Legislature* (Charge 2 – Special districts, including water districts, and authority to tax and issue bonds), Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, October 2002
- Bond Review Board Database Search, Texas Local Governments FY 2016 (Issuer Type: Water District), Texas Bond Review Board
- Local Publications (Local annual reports, all local government debt outstanding, trends in local government debt, including water districts), Texas Bond Review Board
- Water Districts, Water District Database (WDD), Creating or Managing a Water District, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Charge 3: Feasibility of dissolving special purpose districts

- *Invisible Governments: Special Purpose Districts in Texas*, Texas Senate Research Center, October 2014
- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature*, House Select Committee on Special Purpose Districts, January 2011

December 1

House Committee on House Administration

Topics: Sexual harassment policy, select committee budgets

House Committee on Special Purpose Districts

Charge 4: Municipal Management Districts

- *Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 375, Municipal Management Districts in General*, Municipal Management Districts in General (Amended by SB 1987, § 3, 85th Legislature, R.S.)
- *Texas Government Code § 313.006*, Notice for Laws Establishing Municipal Management Districts (Amended by SB 1987, §§ 1-2, 85th Legislature, R.S.)
- "The City with (Almost) No Limits," *UrbanLand Magazine*, August 30, 2017 (republished from 2015)
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 1 – Municipal Management Districts and/or Improvement Districts), House Committee on Special Purpose Districts, December 2016
- *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature* (Charge 4 – Municipal Management Districts), Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, December 2016
- *Texas Municipal League Economic Development Handbook*, Texas Municipal League, Updated January 2015
- *Invisible Governments: Special Purpose Districts in Texas* (Municipal Management Districts, Tables), Texas Senate Research Center, October 2014
- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature* (Charge 8 – Municipal Management Districts; Appendices H-1 to H-2), Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, December 2010

December 4

House Committee on Urban Affairs (Corpus Christi)

Topic: Short- and long-term housing needs and related issues resulting from Hurricane Harvey and associated flooding

- "Officials: Harvey Recovery Complicated by Cost and Lack of Temporary Housing," *Houston Chronicle*, November 28, 2017
- "How Much Damage Did Harvey Do to Texas Homes? There May Never Be an Exact Answer," *Texas Tribune*, November 22, 2017
- "HUD Provides $5 Billion To Help Texas Recover From Harvey," Governor Greg Abbott, November 17, 2017
- 2017 Disaster and Emergency Resource Page for Housing Counselors - Hurricane Harvey, HUD Exchange, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Texas Rebuilds, Hurricane Harvey (Housing information), Texas General Land Office

December 5

House Select Committee on Economic Competitiveness

Topic: Long-term competitiveness and economic development issues

- "'Bathroom Bill' Would be Bad for Texas' Economy, Business Leaders Say," *Texas Tribune*, November 15, 2017
- "Bathroom Bills Put Texas at Risk, Business Leaders Tell Straus Panel," *Austin American-Statesman*, November 15, 2017
- Taxes and Economic Competitiveness (Presented to the House Committee on Economic Competitiveness), Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, November 15, 2017
- Interim Hearings - Week of November 13, 2017, House Select Committee on Economic Competitiveness, Legislative Reference Library, November 6, 2017

Senate Committee on Finance

Charge: Alamo historical site renovation

- Alamo Master Plan (Graphics, frequently asked questions, and master plan synopsis), City of San Antonio / Texas General Land Office / Alamo Endowment

Charge: Adult and juvenile corrections funding

- *Adult and Juvenile Correctional Populations: Monthly Report*, Legislative Budget Board, November 2017

Charge: Monitor implementation of CPS critical needs funding initiative

- Family and Protective Services, Department of; Summary of Recommendations – Senate, Section 3, Item 3, Fiscal Year 2017 Critical Needs Funding, Legislative Budget Board, January 27, 2017
- Letter to Commissioner Hank Whitman, Department of Family and Protective Services (approval of additional funds and FTEs in fiscal year 2017), Legislative Budget Board, December 1, 2016
- Budget and Finance (Monthly financial reports, including critical needs initiative), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Topic: Hurricane Harvey relief and recovery

- *Hurricane Harvey's Fiscal Impact on State Agencies*, Testimony to the Senate Committee on Finance, Legislative Budget Board, October 24, 2017
- *Hurricane Harvey - The Fiscal Toolbox*, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, September 2017

December 6

House Committee on Insurance

Charge: Health insurance market in Texas

- *Insurer Participation on ACA Marketplaces, 2014-2018*, Kaiser Family Foundation, November 10, 2017
- *Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2016*, U.S. Census Bureau, September 2017
- "The Health Insurance Gap After Implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Texas," *Texas Medicine*, March 2017
- *Insurance Coverage, Access to Care, and Medical Debt Since the ACA: A Look at California, Florida, New York, and Texas* (Issue Brief), The Commonwealth Fund, March 2017
- *A Study of Affordable Care Act Competitiveness in Texas*, Texas A&M University, Center for Health Policy at the Brookings Institution, February 2017
- Texas: Health Insurance & Managed Care, Texas: Medicaid & CHIP, Kaiser Family Foundation

Charge: Surprise medical billing

- "Blindsided: Patients Squeezed in Feud between Doctors, Insurance Companies," *Houston Chronicle*, November 19, 2017
- *Surprise! Out-of-Network Billing for Emergency Care in the United States* (Working Paper), National Bureau of Economic Research, July 2017
- *Balance Billing by Health Care Providers: Assessing Consumer Protections Across States* (Issue Brief), The Commonwealth Fund, June 2017
- *A Texas-Sized Problem: How to Limit Out-of-Control Surprise Medical Billing*, Center for Public Policy Priorities, February 2017
- Surprise Medical Bills, Texas Department of Insurance

Charge: Prescription drug coverage and drug formularies

- *Non-Medical Switching Bills Announced in Three More States*, U.S. PAIN Foundation, February 27, 2017
- *Promoting Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs: Policy Analysis and Consumer Recommendations for State Policymakers, Consumer Advocates, and Health Care Stakeholders*, National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) Consumer Representatives, Consumers Union, August 2016
- *Does a 'One-Size-Fits-All' Formulary Policy Make Sense?*, Health Affairs Blog, June 2, 2016
- *Insurers Making Prescription Drug Formulary Changes*, Connecticut Office of Legislative Research, May 31, 2016
- *Essential Health Benefits Prescription Drug Standards, Issue No. 1 – Formulary Transparency*, National Health Law Program, May 8, 2015
- "The Changing Role of Pharmacy Benefit Administration in Managing Chronic Conditions," *Benefits Quarterly*, First Quarter 2014
- *The Effect of Cost-Sharing on the Utilization of Prescription Drugs for Chronically Ill Patients* (Dissertation), Pardee RAND Graduate School, September 2005
- *Texas Insurance Code §§ 1369.051-1369.057*, Coverage of Prescription Drugs Specified By Drug Formulary

Charge: Transparency of pharmacy benefit managers

- *2017 Recent State Pharmaceutical Laws to Watch: An Interim Progress Report* (Includes HB 1227, 85th Legislature, R.S.), National Conference of State Legislatures, June 2017
- "The 'Troubles' With Pharmacy Benefit Managers," *Regulation* (CATO Institute), Spring 2017
- *Transparency and Disclosure of Health Costs and Provider Payments: State Actions*, National Conference of State Legislatures, March 2017
- *Pharmacy Benefit Managers: Market Power and Lack of Transparency*, The American Consumer Institute, March 2017
- *Questions on Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Formularies* (Includes Texas law), Connecticut Office of Legislative Research, January 11, 2017

- *2015-2016 State Legislation to Require Prescription Drug Cost and Price Transparency*, National Conference of State Legislatures, November 22, 2016
- *Texas Insurance Code §§ 1369.0542-1369.0544*, Formulary Information and Disclosure Requirements (Amended by HB 1227, 85th Legislature, R.S.)
- *28 Texas Administrative Code §§ 21.3020-21.3034*, Prescription Drug Formulary Coverage and Disclosure Requirements

Senate Select Committee on Cybersecurity

Topic: State of cybersecurity in Texas

- "Worried About Hackers, States Turn to Cyber Insurance," *Stateline* (Pew Charitable Trusts), November 10, 2017
- *Cybersecurity Legislation 2017*, National Conference of State Legislatures, October 30, 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 2 – Counties' cybersecurity policies), House Committee on County Affairs, January 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 1 – State agencies' cybersecurity policies), House Committee on Government Transparency & Operation, January 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 2 – Cities' cybersecurity policies), House Committee on Urban Affairs, January 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 2 – Texas businesses' cybersecurity), House Committee on Business & Industry, December 2016
- *State of the States on Cybersecurity: California, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Texas, Virginia, Washington*, Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, November 2015
- *83rd Texas Legislature: Interim Report* (Charge 3 – Cybersecurity: SB 1597, 83rd Legislature, R.S.), Senate Committee on Government Organization, December 2014
- *State Roles in Enhancing the Cybersecurity of Energy Systems and Infrastructure*, National Governors Association, August 2014
- *Building a More Secure and Prosperous Texas*, Texas Cybersecurity, Education, and Economic Development Council, December 1, 2012

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health & Human Services Transition

Invited testimony

- Presentation to the Transition Legislative Oversight Committee, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, August 7, 2017
- Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee (Presentation), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services,

August 7, 2017

- *Report to the 85th Legislature*, Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee, November 29, 2016
- Health and Human Services Transformation (Transition plan, timeline, Sunset process, and presentations), Texas Health and Human Services Commission