

Interim Hearings - Weeks of December 3 and 10, 2012

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December 3rd

House Committee on [Criminal Jurisprudence](#)

Charge: Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) enforcement

- [Alcohol Impaired/Drunk Driving](#) [includes 50-state statute tables], National Conference of State Legislatures, updated October 2012
- [Legisbrief: Impaired Driving and Ignition Interlock Laws](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, February 2012
- [Alcohol-impaired Driving in Texas](#), Crime Victims Institute, July 2011
- "A Paradigm Shift on First-time Drunk Drivers," *Governing*, January 2011
- [The Implementation of Alcohol Interlocks for First Offenders: a Case Study](#), Traffic Injury Research Foundation, July 2010

December 6th

House Committee on [Government Efficiency & Reform](#)

Charge: Texas Red Tape Challenge

- [Texas Red Tape Challenge: Archived Policy Focus Areas](#), Texas House Government Efficiency & Reform Committee, 2012
- "Citizens Invited to Tackle Red Tape in Texas," *The Thicket at State Legislatures*, August 21, 2012

December 10th

Senate Committee on [State Affairs](#)

Charge: State authority and protection from federal overreach

- [State Sovereignty and Nullification Legislation, State Legislation and Actions Challenging Certain Health Reforms, 2011-2012](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, Updated September 10, 2012
- ["Facing Off With the Feds," State Legislatures](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, February 2010

Charge: Texas Workers' Compensation system

- Dispute resolution process and benefits available from employers that do not subscribe to workers' compensation
 - [Dispute Resolution for Injured Employees](#), Texas Department of Insurance – Division of Workers' Compensation, last updated October 15, 2012
 - [Final Report: Division of Workers' Compensation – Texas Department of Insurance, Office of Injured Employee Counsel](#), Issue 1 – Dispute Resolution Process, Sunset Advisory Commission, July 2011
- Adequacy of income benefits in the workers' compensation system, specifically on high wage earners receiving the maximum compensation rate
 - [Workers' Compensation Reform and Return to Work: The California Experience](#) [see chapter 7], RAND Center for Health and Safety in the Workplace, January 2011
 - [Income Replacement Adequacy in the Texas Workers' Compensation System](#), Texas Department of Insurance, August 2010
- Fatalities in the Workers' Compensation System, including the amount of death and burial benefits paid to beneficiaries and the Subsequent Injury Fund since 2000
 - [Appeals Panel Decision Manual – Death Benefits Issues](#), Texas Department of Insurance – Division of Workers' Compensation, updated August 10, 2011
 - ["\\$17 Million in Death Benefits Bypassed Families," Houston Chronicle](#), May 13, 2007
- Return-to-work numbers and results for injured employees in the Workers' Compensation System that are referred to the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
 - [Return-to-Work Outcomes for Texas Injured Employees](#), Workers' Compensation Research and Evaluation Group, September 30, 2011
 - [Statistics](#) (see Division for Rehabilitation Services), Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
 - [Return to Work/Stay at Work](#), Texas Department of Insurance – Workers' Compensation
- [New Approaches to Providing Vocational Rehabilitation Services to Injured Employees in the Texas Workers' Compensation System](#) (Joint Report to the Legislature), Texas Department of Insurance – Division of Workers' Compensation

and Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, August 2006

Charge: **Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act**

- **"Court Right to Side With Texas Property Owners,"** *Austin American-Statesman*, March 11, 2012
- ***Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act Guidelines***, Texas Attorney General, Revised May 3, 2011
- ***Regulatory Takings: The Next Step in Protecting Property Rights in Texas*** (discusses municipal exemption), Texas Public Policy Foundation, July 22, 2010

Charge: Monitor the implementation of legislation, specifically, **SB 100**, 82nd Regular Session, relating to implementation and impact of the Military Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act

- ***Assessment of the Federal Voting Assistance Program Implementation of the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act***, U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Inspector General, August 31, 2012
- ***The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act: Overview and Issues***, Congressional Research Service, July 11, 2012
- ***Democracy From Afar: States Show Progress on Military and Overseas Voting***, Pew Center on the States, January 27, 2012
- ***Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Annual Report to Congress 2010***, U.S. Department of Justice, 2010
- **Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, as amended by the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act**, U.S. Department of Justice

December 11th

House Interim Committee on **Response to Federal Sequestration**

Topic: Possible actions by Texas in response to federal sequestration

- ***Impact of the Fiscal Cliff on the States and Texas fact sheet***, Pew Center on the States, November 15, 2012

Senate Committee on **Economic Development**

Charge: Unemployed return to work programs, long-term unemployed, job training

- *When Unemployment Insurance Runs Out: An Action Plan to Help America's Long-Term Unemployed*, National Employment Law Project, September 6, 2012
- "Is Federal Red Tape Tying Up Innovative Job Programs?," *Stateline*, May 29, 2012
- "Can Retraining Give the Unemployed a Second Chance?," *Business Week*, September 14, 2011
- *A Year or More: The High Cost of Long-Term Unemployment*, Pew Center on the States, April 2010

Charge: Economic benefits of the 25 largest industries in this state, including energy, manufacturing, healthcare, tourism, etc.; economic development incentives for data centers, film incentives, or other specific industry clusters

- *Texas Industry Concentrations 2012: Where the State's Key Industries Cluster*, Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism, December 2011
- *Industry Reports* (biotechnology, automotive, aviation, energy, etc.) and *Texas Business & Industry Data Center*, Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism

Charge: Financing for the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

- *2011 Annual Report, 2007-2011 Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, p. 25*, Texas Workforce Commission, August 31, 2011

Charge: Monitor implementation of legislation, including **SB 1048**, 82nd Legislature, on public-private partnerships

- *Public-Private Partnership Guidelines*, Texas Facilities Commission, September 1, 2011