

Interim Hearings - Week of August 22, 2016

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House Committee on [Land & Resource Management](#)

Charge: Coastal erosion

- [Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Act: A Report to the 84th Texas Legislature](#), Texas General Land Office, 2015
- [Texas Coastal Management Program: Biennial Report 2013-2014](#), Texas General Land Office, December 2014
- [Texas Coastwide Erosion Response Plan: 2013 Update](#) (including erosion rates), Texas General Land Office, December 2014
- [Interim Report to the 81st Legislature](#) (Charge 2 - Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act), Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Coastal Resources, December 2008
- [Interim Report to the 80th Legislature](#) (Charge 2 - Effectiveness and funding of the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Program, GLO), Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture and Coastal Resources, December 2006
- [Interim Report to the 79th Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 2 - Coastal hazard mitigation and coastal erosion funding), House Committee on Land and Resource Management, November 2004

Charge: Natural disaster preparedness and response

- [Committee Meeting Handouts - Natural Disasters](#), House Committee on County Affairs, May 16, 2016
- ["New Technologies Aiding States' Disaster Response," Capitol Ideas](#), Council of State Governments, May/June 2016

- "Judge's Corner: Texas Should Invest More Funding for Natural Disasters," Bastrop County Judge Paul Pape, *Austin American-Statesman*, December 30, 2015
- *Lessons From Texas: 10 Years of Disaster Recovery Examined*, Texas Appleseed, September 15, 2015
- *State of Texas Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2013 Update*, Texas Department of Public Safety, 2013
- *State of Texas Emergency Management Plan and Annexes*, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Division of Emergency Management, May 2012
- *Interim Report, Report to the 82nd Legislature*, Senate Subcommittee on Flooding and Evacuations, January 2011
- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature* (Disaster preparedness), House Committee on Emergency Preparedness, December 2010
- *Report to the 81st Legislature* (Charge 3 - Disaster planning and first response), Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, December 2008
- "Lessons We Don't Learn: A Study of the Lessons of Disasters, Why We Repeat Them, and How We Can Learn Them," *2 Homeland Security Affairs*, Article 4, July 2006
- *Interim Report to the 78th Legislature: Natural Disasters*, Senate Interim Committee on Natural Resources, August 2002

Sunset Advisory Commission

Meeting Agenda & Decision Meeting Material

Commission decisions:

- River Authorities
 - Sulphur River Basin Authority
 - Upper Colorado River Authority
 - Central Colorado River Authority
 - Palo Duro River Authority of Texas
- Texas State Board of Pharmacy
- Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners, Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners, and Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
- State Board of Dental Examiners (SBDE)
- State Bar of Texas and Board of Law Examiners

Public testimony:

- Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
- Board of Trustees of Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS)

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House Committee on [Special Purpose Districts](#)

Charge 1: Municipal Management Districts and/or Improvement Districts

- ["New Management Districts Pave Way for Growth in Missouri City,"](#) *Community Impact - Central Austin*, August 5, 2015
- ["The City with \(Almost\) No Limits,"](#) *UrbanLand Magazine*, April 20, 2015
- [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 - MMDs; [Appendices H-1 to H-2](#)), Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, December 2010
- [Texas Local Government Code §§375.001-375.357](#), Municipal Management Districts In General
- [Texas Government Code §313.006](#), Notice for Laws Establishing Municipal Management Districts

Charge 2: Legislative oversight and monitoring of agencies, including opportunities to streamline the purpose of multiple districts created within the same area, while maintaining the mission of 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

House Committee on [Licensing & Administrative Procedures](#)

Charge: Occupational licensing

- [Unlicensed and Untapped: Removing Barriers to State Occupational Licenses for People with Records](#), National Employment Law Project, April 2016
- [Occupational Licensing: A Framework for Policymakers](#), U.S. Department of the Treasury Office of Economic Policy, Council of Economic Advisers, and Department of Labor, July 2015
- [Bootstraps Tangled in Red Tape: How State Occupational Licensing Hinders Low-Income Entrepreneurship](#), Goldwater Institute, February 23, 2015
- [Report to the 83rd Legislature](#) (Charge 2 - Occupational licensing and regulation), Senate Committee on Business and Commerce, January 2013
- [License to Work: A National Study of Burdens from Occupational Licensing](#), Institute for Justice, May 2012

- *Occupational Regulation in Texas: Occupational Licenses and Statutory Penalties for Violations Relating to Occupational Licenses*, Texas Legislative Council, October 2008; *Addendum*, June 2010

Charge: Regulatory functions across agencies and departments

- *Interim Report to the 82nd Legislature* (Charge 1 - Review of committees, councils, and task forces across state government agencies and programs) , Senate Committee on Government Organization, December 2010
- *Final Report, Legislative Proposals, and Summary*, Joint Committee on Government Operations (Little Hoover Commission), 1975

Charge: Powdered alcohol and impact on underage drinking

- *Powdered Alcohol - State Laws*, Alcohol Justice, as of July 14, 2016
- *"Powdered Alcohol Preemptively Banned in 31 States,"* Eater.com, April 29, 2016
- *Powdered Alcohol 2015 Legislation*, National Conference of State Legislatures, November 11, 2015
- *"Powdered Prohibition," State Legislatures*, National Conference of State Legislatures, June 2015

Charge: Legislative oversight and monitoring of agencies

Senate Committee on *Criminal Justice*

Charge 7: Civil asset forfeiture laws

- *Asset Forfeiture Policy Manual* (Ch. 14 - Seizures by State and Local Law Enforcement), United States Department of Justice, 2016
- *Policing for Profit: The Abuse of Civil Asset Forfeiture* (Grades state and federal civil forfeiture laws), 2nd Edition, Institute for Justice, November 2015
- *Civil Asset Forfeiture in the States*, National Center for Policy Analysis, October 20, 2015
- *Civil Asset Forfeiture: Good Intentions Gone Awry and the Need for Reform*, Heritage Foundation, April 20, 2015
- *Asset Forfeiture in Texas: DPS and County Interactions*, Office of Court Administration, December 2014
- *"Reverse Robin Hood: The Tale of How Texas Law Enforcement Has Used Civil Asset Forfeiture to Take From Property Owners and Pad the Pockets of Local Government – the Righteous Hunt for Reform is On ,"* 46 *Texas Tech Law Review* 1169 (Summer 2014)
- *Taking Contraband Without Taking Our Liberties: Civil Asset Forfeiture Reform in Texas*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, March 2014

- [Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 59](#), Forfeiture of Contraband

Topic: Bullying in Texas schools, cyberbullying in the digital age

- [Texas Anti-Bullying Laws and Policies \(Other states\)](#), Stopbullying.Gov, United States Department of Health & Human Services, June 28, 2016
- ["When the Teacher is the Bully,"](#) GreatKids, February 8, 2016
- [State Cyberbullying Laws: A Brief Review of State Cyberbullying Laws and Policies](#), Cyberbullying Research Center, January 2016
- [2015 Cyberbullying Data](#), Cyberbullying Research Center, May 1, 2015
- [2015's Best & Worst States at Controlling Bullying](#), WalletHub, February 2015
- ["Bullying Is No Longer Just on the Playground: How School Bullying is Evolving and How State Legislation is Trying to Keep Up,"](#) 14 *Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal* 1 (2013)
- ["Bullying of Teachers Pervasive in Many Schools,"](#) NEAToday, May 16, 2012
- ["How Public Schools Can Constitutionally Halt Cyberbullying: A Model Cyberbullying Policy That Considers First Amendment, Due Process, and Fourth Amendment Challenges,"](#) 46 *Wake Forest Law Review* 641 (October 2011)

Senate Committee on [Higher Education](#)

Charge: Tuition and fee waivers and exemptions, tuition set-asides, financial aid

- [Overview: Tuition Deregulation and Tuition Set Asides](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, April 2016
- [Texas Public Higher Education: Overview of Tuition and State Support Since Tuition Deregulation](#), Legislative Budget Board, April 2016
- [Report on Student Financial Aid in Texas Higher Education for Fiscal Year 2014](#), Appendix M Exemptions and Waiver Data from IFRS (Integrated Fiscal Reporting System) 2013-2014 (list of exemption programs, statutes, optional/mandatory, number of awards, and dollar amounts), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, September 2015
- [Interim Report to the 84th Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 3 - Student financial assistance, financial aid, tuition assistance and waivers), House Committee on Higher Education, January 2015
- [Interim Report](#) (Charge 1 - Financial aid, efficacy of current exemptions and waivers), Senate Committee on Higher Education, December 2012
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature](#) (Charge 2 - Financial aid, tuition and fee exemption programs), House Committee on Higher Education, January 2011
- Types of Financial Aid - Lists of [Exemptions](#), [Waivers](#), College for All Texans, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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House Committee on [Appropriations](#), Subcommittee on Article III

Charge 13: Review of current public education programs administered by the Texas Education Agency that are funded outside of the Foundation School Program

- *Fiscal Size-Up 2016-2017, Chapter 6, Agencies of Education, Texas Education Agency funding sources*, Legislative Budget Board, May 2016
- *Summary of Recommendations - House, Texas Education Agency: Non-FSP Program and Administration 2010-11 to 2016-17, House Introduced*, Legislative Budget Board, February 13, 2015

House Committee on [Defense & Veterans' Affairs](#)

Topic 1: Maintaining military value of defense installations and communities

- *Interim Hearings - Week of May 30, 2016* (Topic 1), House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs, Legislative Reference Library, June 2, 2016

House Committee on [Criminal Jurisprudence](#)

Charge 1: GPS monitoring in protective orders, family violence prevention

- *Using GPS to Track BATTERERS: At Least 23 States Using GPS to Keep Track of High-Risk Domestic Violence Offenders*, Domestic Shelters.Org, July 15, 2015
- "Contact That Can Kill: Orders of Protection, Caller ID Spoofing and Domestic Violence," *90 Chicago-Kent Law Review* 1157 (2015)
- *Report to the 84th Legislature: The Texas Family Violence Program - A Statewide Report*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, November 2014
- *Report on the Availability of Appropriate Technology to Monitor Domestic Violence Offenders and Their Victims*, Office of the Attorney General of New Jersey, 2014
- "Strengthening the Guard: The Use of GPS Surveillance to Enforce Domestic Violence Protection Orders," *2 Tennessee Journal of Race, Gender, & Social Justice* 129 (2013)
- *Navigating the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program: A Guide for State and Territorial Administrators*, United States Department of Health & Human Services, November 2012
- *GPS Monitoring Technologies and Domestic Violence: An Evaluation Study*, University of Illinois at Chicago, June 2012
- *Texas Code of Criminal Procedure §17.49*, Conditions For Defendant Charged With Offense Involving Family Violence

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Joint Interim Committee to [Study Development of a Cruise Industry](#)

Topic: Development and potential economic impact of a cruise industry on the Texas

coast between Calhoun and Cameron counties

- *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For the Year Ended December 31, 2015*, Brownsville Navigation District, April 15, 2016
- "Deepening, Widening Channel Project May Start This Year," *Port Aransas South Jetty*, January 28, 2016
- *Texas Ports 2015-2016 Capital Program Executive Summary* (Economic impact – Galveston cruise terminal expansion project), Port Authority Advisory Committee, November 11, 2015
- *The Contribution of the International Cruise Industry to the U.S. Economy in 2014*, Cruise Lines International Association, October 2015
- "Cruise Ship Home Ports - Not Always the Goldmine They Promise," *GADLING*, April 3, 2011
- *Tapping the Invisible Market: The Case of the Cruise Industry* (Dissertation), Office of Graduate Studies of Texas A & M University, August 2006