

Interim Hearings - Week of May 2, 2016

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House Committee on [Appropriations, Subcommittee on Articles VI, VII & VIII](#)

Charge 17: State parks system funding, recent legislation including the [General Appropriations Act](#), [HB 158](#), and [SB 1366](#), 84th R. S.

- ["State Parks Find New Ways to Save, Make Money," Stateline](#) (Pew Charitable Trusts), April 14, 2016
- [Operating Budget, Fiscal Year 2016](#), Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, December 1, 2015
- [The Economic Contributions of Texas State Parks](#), Texas A&M University, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, November 2014

House Committee on [Environmental Regulation](#)

Charge 2: Surface water management compliance

- [Water Quality: Rivers, Lakes, and Estuaries](#) and [Surface Water Quality Monitoring](#) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Charge 3: Local environmental regulation initiatives; resolve ambiguous regulations

regarding priority of state or local authority

- "Where Oil is King," Fordham Law Review, Forthcoming, (February 27, 2016)
- "H.B. 40, 84th Leg., Reg. Sess. (Tex. 2015): Texas Asserts Exclusive State-Level Jurisdiction to Regulate Oil and Gas Operations," 129 Harv. L. Rev. 610 (December 10, 2015)
- "Grassroots Network Forms to Monitor Fracking Front," *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, October 12, 2015
- *Texas Uses Preemption Power to Shut Down Local Fracking Bans, Oklahoma Quickly Follows*, Washington Legal Foundation, June 15, 2015
- "Don't 'Frac' This Up: Denton's Frac Ban and the Appropriate State Legislative Response," 47 Tex. Tech L. Rev. 843 (2015)

May 3

House Committees on **Economic & Small Business Development** and **Public Education** (Joint Hearing)

Joint charge: Partnerships between higher education institutions, public school districts, and workforce that promote postsecondary readiness

- **Governor Abbott Establishes Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative**, Governor Greg Abbott, March 7, 2016
- *Preparing High School Students for College: An Exploratory Study of College Readiness Partnership Programs in Texas* (Report) and (Brief), National Center for Postsecondary Research, May 2012
- "Lessons from a School District-University Research Partnership: The Houston Education Research Consortium," *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, May 2015
- *Sharing Responsibility for College Success a Model Partnership Moves Students to Diplomas and Degrees*, Educate Texas, December 2014
- **Lesson 9. Partnering to Support College and Career Readiness** and **Lesson 9 Resources**, Texas Online College and Career Readiness Resource Center, Spring 2014
- *Preparing High School Students for College: An Exploratory Study of College Readiness Partnership Programs in Texas* (Report) and (Brief), National Center for Postsecondary Research, May 2012
- **Network Partners**, Texas College Access Network (TxCan)
- **Division of College Readiness and Success**, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Rules and laws limiting employers from providing internships or apprenticeships

- [Apprenticeship - Program Overview](#), Texas Workforce Commission
- [Advanced FLSA Issues, Student Interns - Trainees, Especially for Texas Employers](#), Texas Workforce Commission
- [Fact Sheet #71: Internship Programs Under The Fair Labor Standards Act](#), U.S. Department of Labor, April 2010

Workforce training, incentivizing business to invest in training

- [Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Combined State Plan](#) (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2020), Texas Workforce Commission, draft modifications approved by Commission April 5, 2016
- [Employer Engagement Toolkit: From Placement to Partners](#), Jobs for the Future, October 2015
- [Aligning K-12 and Postsecondary Career Pathways with Workforce Needs](#) (Business and industry engagement, career pathways), Education Commission of the States, October 2015
- [The Progress of Education Reform: Reimagining Business Involvement: A New Frontier for Postsecondary Education](#), Education Commission of the States, June 2013
- [How Career and Technical Education Can Help Students Be College and Career Ready: A Primer](#), American Institutes for Research, March 2013
- [State Training Inventory](#) (Compilation of Texas education and workforce training providers), Texas Workforce Commission

May 4

Senate Committee on [Business & Commerce](#)

Topic: Penalty calculations under the current prompt payment of health care claim laws and regulations

- [Prompt Pay FAQs](#), Texas Department of Insurance, Updated April 1, 2016
- [An Interstate Comparison of Healthcare Prompt-Pay Laws](#), Texans for Lawsuit Reform Foundation, January 31, 2016
- [28 Texas Administrative Code §21.2815](#), Failure to Meet the Statutory Claims Payment Period, Texas Department of Insurance
- [Interim Report to the 78th Legislature](#), Texas Senate Special Committee on Prompt Payment of Health Care Providers, November 2002

Topic: Implementation of legislation, specifically legislation intended to further protect consumers from the balance billing process

- [Surprise Medical Bills](#) (Balance billing Q&A), Texas Department of Insurance, last updated March 29, 2016
- ["New Law Helps Patients with Bills for Out-of-Network Medical Care,"](#) Texas Department of Insurance, September 10, 2015
- ["Balance-Billing Ban Back in 2015 Legislature,"](#) *Texas Medicine*, Texas Medical Association, May 2015
- [Interim Report to the 84th Legislature](#) (Charge 7 - Medical price transparency), Senate Committee on State Affairs, January 2015
- ["Surprise Medical Bills Take Advantage of Texans: Little-Known Practice Creates A 'Second Emergency' for ER Patients,"](#) Center for Public Policy Priorities, September 15, 2014
- [Report of the Health Network Adequacy Advisory Committee, Senate Bill 1731, Section 11](#)

[Eightieth Legislature, Regular Session, 2007](#), Texas Department of Insurance, January 2009

Senate Select Committee on [Texas Ports](#)

Topic: Committee rules and organizational business

Topic: Economic impact of inland waterways, coastal ports, and inland ports on the state economy

- ["Texas Ports Stay Busy as Trade Values Fall Along Gulf, Rise Inland,"](#) *Southwest Economy*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Fourth Quarter 2015
- [Texas Ports 2015-2016 Capital Program: Executive Summary](#), Port Authority Advisory Committee, November 11, 2015
- [Survey of State Funding Practices for Coastal Port Infrastructure](#), Texas A&M Transportation Institute, May 2015
- [2014 Texas Port Report](#), Texas Department of Transportation, January 20, 2015
- [The Texas Maritime Transportation System: Delivering the Goods](#), Texas Department of Transportation, January 20, 2015
- [Texas Intracoastal Waterway Master Plan: Technical Report](#), Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Resubmitted August 2014
- [Master Plan for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Texas](#), Texas Department of Transportation, June 2014

Topic: Future impact of Panama Canal expansion on Texas ports

- ["Some Fear Texas Unprepared for Panama Canal Expansion,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, December 1, 2015
- [Trade Flows and Texas Gulf Ports: Panama Canal Expansion and South](#)

American Markets, Center for Transportation Research at University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M Transportation Institute, August 2013

- *Interim Report to the 83rd Legislature* (Charge 1 - Panama Canal Expansion), Senate Transportation Committee, February 2013
- *Interim Report to the 83rd Legislature* (Charge 2 - Panama Canal Expansion), House Committee on Transportation, December 2012
- *Preparing Texas Land and Sea for the Panama Canal Expansion: Final Report*, Panama Canal Stakeholder Working Group, November 2012

Senate Committee on *Veteran Affairs & Military Installations*, Subcommittee on *Border Security*

Charge: Interstate Compact: cost-benefit analysis of a potential interstate compact on border security, and the constitutional and legal questions

- *Congressional Consent and the Permission for States to Enter into Interstate Compacts* (Brief), Council of State Governments Knowledge Center, July 5, 2011
- "When Should Interstate Compacts Require Congressional Consent?," *Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems*, Volume 42, Number 4, 2009
- *Resources*, National Center for Interstate Compacts (NCIC)

Topic: TDCJ invited testimony answering questions from previous hearing on PEP

- *Interim Hearings - Week of March 21, 2016*, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Military Installations, Subcommittee on Border Security, Legislative Reference Library, March 14, 2016

May 5

House Committee on *Appropriations*, Subcommittee on *Article III*

Charge 15: Higher education funding formulas

- *Performance-Based Funding for Higher Education*, National Conference of State Legislatures, July 31, 2015
- *Federal and State Funding of Higher Education: A Changing Landscape*, Pew Charitable Trusts, June 11, 2015
- *Formula Funding Recommendations 2014* (FY 2016-2017 Biennium), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, April 2014
- "Search Still On for Higher Ed Performance-Funding Model," *Texas Tribune*,

January 7, 2014

- *Financing Higher Education in Texas: Legislative Primer*, 5th Edition, Legislative Budget Board, February 2013
- *Interim Report to the 81st Texas Legislature* (Charge 1 - Funding), Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee, December 2008
- *Interim Report to the 79th Texas Legislature* (Volume 3 - Higher education charges), Senate Finance Committee, December 2004

Joint Interim Committee to Study **Border Security**

Topic: Implementation of **HB 11**, 84th Legislature, R. S., and additional border security efforts

- "Judge Blocks Texas Immigrant Harboring Law," *Texas Tribune*, April 14, 2016
- Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw's testimony to House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, February 4, 2016
- "State Trooper Rotations to Border Will Continue," *Texas Tribune*, January 21, 2016
- **Border Security Statistics**, Texas Department of Public Safety