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House Committee on [Environmental Regulation, Subcommittee on Air Quality and Municipal Landfills](#)

Charge 3: Permitting, siting, and regulatory processes for solid waste landfills

- [Committee Meeting Handouts, Interim Charge 3: Landfills](#), House Committee on Environmental Regulation, Subcommittee on Air Quality and Municipal Landfills, January 23, 2018
- [Municipal Solid Waste in Texas: A Year in Review: FY 2016 Data Summary and Analysis](#), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, October 2017
- [Municipal Solid Waste Topics, Data on Municipal Solid Waste Facilities in Texas](#), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Charge 4: Economic impact of National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

- [NAAQS Table](#), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- [Reviewing National Ambient Air Quality Standards \(NAAQS\): Scientific and Technical Information](#), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- [Texas State Implementation Plan](#), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Charge 5: TCEQ expedited air permitting program

- [Interim Report to the 85th Legislature \(Charge 4 – Expedited permitting\)](#), Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development, November 2016
- [Implementation of the Expedited Permitting Program](#), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Revised September 2016

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House Committee on [Human Services](#)

Charge 2: Managed Care – Medicaid Managed Care history, initiatives of managed care organizations (MCOs) to improve quality and coordination of care, Health and Human Services Commission's (HHSC) oversight of MCOs

- [Expansion of Managed Care](#) (Summary, Executive Commissioner's commitment to improving member and provider experience in Medicaid managed care, HHSC updates, STAR+PLUS, STAR Kids, advisory committees, questions and answers on managed care and access to care), Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- [Managed Care Service Areas](#) (Map), Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- [Managed Care Organization Contract Reporting and Oversight](#) (Presented to House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Article II), Legislative Budget Board, March 2018
- [Managed Care: Contract Oversight and Monitoring; Update on Internal Audit and Contract Oversight Implementation](#) (Presentation to House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Article II), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, March 28, 2018
- [Managed Care: Contract Oversight and Monitoring; SAO Audit Update \(Report 17-007\)](#) (Presentation to Senate Committee on Health and Human Services), Health and Human Services Commission, March 21, 2018
- ["Medicaid Managed Care Is Still the Right Choice for Texas,"](#) Russell Withers, Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute, *TribTalk*, March 19, 2018
- [An Audit Report on the Health and Human Services Commission's Management of Its Medicaid Managed Care Contract with Superior HealthPlan, Inc. and Superior HealthPlan Network, and Superior's Compliance with Reporting Requirements](#), Texas State Auditor's Office, January 2018
- ["How Texas Medicaid Is Failing Children with Disabilities,"](#) *Austin American-Statesman*, November 2, 2017
- [Utilization Review in STAR+PLUS Medicaid Managed Care](#), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, November 2017

- *Texas Medicaid Managed Care and Children's Health Insurance Program: Summary of Activities and Trends in Healthcare Quality, Contract Year: 2016*, Institute for Child Health Policy at the University of Florida, External Quality Review Organization for Texas Medicaid Managed Care and CHIP, August 2017; *Addendum*, October 2017
- *Demonstrating the Value of Medicaid MLTSS Programs* (Survey of Medicaid managed long-term services and supports programs in 12 states, including Texas), National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, Center for Health Care Strategies, May 2017
- *Texas Medicaid Managed Care STAR Child, STAR Adult, and STAR+PLUS Adult Behavioral Health Survey Report, Contract Year 2015*, Institute for Child Health Policy at the University of Florida, External Quality Review Organization for Texas Medicaid Managed Care and CHIP, HHSC Approval Date: April 27, 2017
- "Severely Disabled Kids' Lives at Risk, Parents Say, as Texas Enacts Medicaid Cost-Savings Plan" (Including history of STAR Kids), *Dallas Morning News*, February 13, 2017
- *Texas Medicaid and CHIP in Perspective*, 11th Edition, Chapter 11: *Fee-for-Service and Managed Care* (Overview of Medicaid managed care programs: STAR, STAR+PLUS, STAR Kids, STAR Health, children's Medicaid dental services, dual eligible, nursing facility carve-in), *Appendix D: Managed Care History in Texas*, *Appendix E: Managed Care Quality Assurance Reports*, Health and Human Services Commission, February 2017
- *Review of HHSC's Contract Management and Oversight Function for Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care and Fee-for-Service Contracts*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, February 2017
- *Combined Report on Medicaid Managed Care Provider Network Adequacy, Monitoring, and Violations*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, January 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature* (Interim Charge 9B – OIG Sunset implementation, including table of major provisions relating to HHSC Office of Inspector General in SB 200 and SB 207, 84th Legislature, R.S., and discussion of MCO efforts to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse in Medicaid), Senate Committee on Health and Human Service, November 2016
- *Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment and Program Characteristics, 2015*, Mathematica Policy Research, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Winter 2016
- *Medicaid Managed Care in Texas: A Review of Access to Services, Quality of Care, and Cost Effectiveness*, Sellers Dorsey, Milliman, Texas Association of Health Plans, February 2015
- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature* (Charge 7 – Implementation of legislation in the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session; including discussion of SB 7, Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports Redesign, and Medicaid managed care), Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, December 2014
- "Medicaid Roadblocks" (Early history of Medicaid managed care), *Texas Medicine*, Texas Medical Association, October 2013
- *Interim Report to the 83rd Legislature* (Charge 2 – Cost containment initiatives, including expansion of managed care), Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, December 2012

House Committee on Investments & Financial Services

Charge: Impact and risks of a credit bureau security breach on Texans

- *Interim Hearings – Week of April 2, 2018*, House Committee on Business & Industry, Legislative Reference Library, March 27, 2018

Charge: Financial technology policy challenges

- *Interim Hearings – Week of April 9, 2018*, House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development (Richardson), Legislative Reference Library, April 3, 2018

Topic: Cryptocurrency's potential role in financial sector

- *NASAA Reminds Investors to Approach Cryptocurrencies, Initial Coin Offerings and Other Cryptocurrency-Related Investment Products With Caution*, North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), January 4, 2018
- *Statement on Cryptocurrencies and Initial Coin Offerings* (Chairman Jay Clayton), U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, December 11, 2017
- *The Bank Secrecy Act, Cryptocurrencies, and New Tokens: What is Known and What Remains Ambiguous*, Coin Center, May 2017
- "Virtual Currencies: Growing Regulatory Framework and Challenges in the Emerging Fintech Ecosystem," 21 *North Carolina Banking Institute* 131 (March 1, 2017)
- "Bitcoin and Beyond: Current and Future Regulation of Virtual Currencies," 9 *Ohio State Entrepreneurial Business Law Journal* 429 (2015)
- *Virtual Currencies: Emerging Regulatory, Law Enforcement, and Consumer Protection Challenges*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, May 2014
- *Regulatory Treatment of Virtual Currencies Under the Texas Money Services Act* (Supervisor Memorandum 1037), Texas Department of Banking, April 3, 2014
- *Application of FinCEN's Regulations to Persons Administering, Exchanging, or Using Virtual Currencies* (Guidance), U.S. Department of the Treasury, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, March 18, 2013

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Senate Committee on Transportation

Charge: Project acceleration

- [Accelerated Construction](#) (Overview, guidelines, economic screening tools, presentations from 2017 district workshops), Texas Department of Transportation
- [FHWA Initiatives to Accelerate Project Delivery](#), Federal Highway Administration

Charge: Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

- [2018 Unified Transportation Program \(UTP\)](#), Texas Department of Transportation, August 31, 2017
- [2018 Unified Transportation Program \(UTP\) – Public Meeting](#) (Process and timeline), Texas Department of Transportation, July 20, 2017
- [Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature](#), House Select Committee on Transportation Planning, January 2017
- [Unified Transportation Program – Funding Highway Construction Plan](#) (UTP 2014-2018, searchable by project), Texas Department of Transportation
- [Texas Transportation Plan 2040 \(Plan 2040 Materials\)](#), Texas Department of Transportation, February 2015
- [Texas Transportation Code § 201.991](#), Unified Transportation Program (Amended by [SB312](#) (§14), 85th Leg., R.S.)
- [43 Texas Administrative Code § 16.105](#), Unified Transportation Programs (UTP)

Charge: Monitor implementation of legislation, specifically:

- Statutory changes specified in Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) sunset legislation:
 1. requiring toll road entities to use toll revenue to pay back TxDOT for grants used to construct toll roads.
 2. prohibiting TxDOT from operating or transferring a HOV lane as a tolled lane.
 3. authorizing TxDOT to convert non-tolled lanes as toll lanes – only if the number of non-tolled lanes is greater than or equal to the number in existence before the toll conversion project.
 4. prohibiting TxDOT from awarding contracts unless the contractor participates in E-verify
- [Staff Report with Commission Decisions: Texas Department of Transportation](#), Sunset Advisory Commission, June 2017
- [Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature \(Charge 2 - Toll Roads\)](#), House Committee on Transportation, January 2017
- [Toll Road Systems](#), Texas Department of Transportation
- [High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes](#), Texas Department of Transportation
- [E-Verify](#), Department of Homeland Security and USCIS
- Progress of Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) efforts to issue an annual permit for transporting overweight, sealed intermodal shipping containers on TxDOT approved routes within 30 miles of a port of entry or an international bridge.
 - [Intermodal Shipping Container Port Permit](#), Texas Department of Mtor

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House Committee on [Environmental Regulation](#)

Charge 1: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) response and clean-up efforts related to Hurricane Harvey, debris removal, natural disaster response

- ["Abbott Lifts Post-Harvey Suspension of Environmental Regulations,"](#) *Houston Chronicle*, April 6, 2018
- ["Texas Should Reinstate Public Health, Environmental Protections Suspended in Response to Hurricane Harvey"](#) (Press Release), Public Citizen, April 4, 2018
- ["Silent Spills, Part 1: In Houston and Beyond, Harvey's Spills Leave a Toxic Legacy,"](#) ["Silent Spills, Part 2: For Crosby Residents, a 'Bitter Taste' about Arkema, and Little Help from Government,"](#) *Houston Chronicle*, March 22, 2018
- [Committee Meeting Handouts](#) (Interim Charge 1: Hurricane Harvey/response and preparedness), House Committee on Environmental Regulation, January 23, 2018
- [Hurricane Harvey Response](#) (Various rules, notices, and reports concerning storm damage), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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Senate Committee on [Higher Education](#)

Charge: 60x30TX Statewide Plan Review

- [60x30TX 2017 Progress Report](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, July 2017
- [Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature](#) (Texas Higher Education Strategic Plan: 60X30TX), House Committee on Higher Education, January 2017
- [Interim Report](#) (Charge 1 – Implementation of HB 5 and 60x30TX), Senate Higher Education Committee, November 2016
- [60x30TX Progress Report](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, September 2016
- [60x30TX: Texas Higher Education Strategic Plan: 2015-2030](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, July 23, 2015
- [60x30TX.com](#), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- [Texas Higher Education Data, Policymakers](#) (Reports on higher education topics, including graduation rates, tuition and fees, degrees, and enrollment), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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[Sunset Advisory Commission](#)

Staff presentation and public testimony (links to Sunset Review Documents for 2018-2019 Review Cycle, 86th Legislative Session):

- [Texas Veterans Commission](#)
- Behavioral Health Boards
 - [Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors](#)
 - [Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists](#)
 - [Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners](#)
 - [Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists](#)
- [Texas Medical Board](#)
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House Committee on [Criminal Jurisprudence](#) (El Paso)

Charge 3: Enforcement of criminal laws against low-level possession of marijuana

- [Tougher Drug Law Enforcement Does Not Increase Public Safety](#) (Think Justice Blog), Vera Institute of Justice, January 5, 2018
- [Citation in Lieu of Arrest](#) (50 State Chart), National Conference of State Legislatures, October 23, 2017
- ["Texas Cities Embrace a Softer Approach to Pot Possession as State Reforms Stall,"](#) *Texas Observer*, October 19, 2017
- [Rethinking Prison for Drug Offenders: Alternatives to Incarceration](#), Nova Recovery Center, August 3, 2016
- [Community Supervision and Parole: Funding, Revocations, and Costs Per Day](#) (Presented to Joint Meetings of the House Corrections and Criminal Jurisprudence Committees), Legislative Budget Board, May 2016
- [Police Bias in the Enforcement of Drug Crimes: Evidence from Low Priority Laws](#), Department of Economics, West Virginia University, 2016
- [Recidivism Reduction: Community-Based Supervision Alternatives to](#)

Incarceration, American Legislative Exchange Council, April 2015

- "Rethinking the Use of Community Supervision," 103 *Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology* 1015 (Fall 2013)

Charge 8: Monitoring agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature

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House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

Charge 1: Effects of Hurricane Harvey on the courts and legal system

- "Legal Community Meets Relief Challenges after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma," *ABA Journal*, February 2018
- "Harris County Officials to Get Update on Closed Criminal Courthouse," *Houston Chronicle*, January 25, 2018
- "Four Months after Hurricane Harvey, Four Major Questions about Recovery for 2018," *Texas Tribune*, January 4, 2018
- "Courts Help Each Other Survive Hurricane Season," *Judiciary News*, United States Courts, January 2018
- [Harvey Recovery Resources](#) (Legal Assistance) Harris County Law Library

Charge 3: Statutes prescribing fees in civil and criminal matters; fees that may be challenged on grounds similar to those raised in *Salinas v. Texas* (Tex. Court of Crim. Apps., March 8, 2017)

- *Orlando Salinas V. The State Of Texas; Opinion and Dissenting Opinion (No. PD-0170-16, Constitutionality of Felony Conviction Fees)*, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, March 8, 2017
- *Orlando Salinas V. The State Of Texas, Appellant's Petition for Discretionary Review (Case No. PD-0170-16, Constitutionality of Felony Conviction Fees)*, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, March 29, 2016
- *Texas Government Code §§ 101.001 - 101.181*, Filing Fees and Other Fees and Costs in Civil Proceedings
- *Texas Government Code §§ 102.001 - 102.142*, Court Costs In Criminal Proceedings

Charge 7: Monitor implementation of the statewide electronic database of court

records ("re: SearchTX")

- *Order Adopting the Recommendations of the Judicial Committee on Information Technology for Access to Electronically Filed Court Documents By Judges, Clerks, and Attorneys Through Re: Searchtx. (Misc. Docket No. 17-9025)*, Texas Supreme Court, February 21, 2017
- *Re: SearchTX Recommendations (Draft)*, Texas Judicial Committee on Information Technology, January 20, 2017
- *Re: SearchTX Website*, Texas Office of Court Administration

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