

House Committee Resources: Appropriations

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House Committee on [Appropriations](#)

Charge 1: Monitor and oversee the implementation of appropriations bills and other relevant legislation passed by the 86th Legislature. In conducting this oversight, the Committee will also specifically monitor implementation of appropriations for:

- Human and sex trafficking legislation;
- Revenue projections for the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund; and
- Implementation of procurement and contracting reforms at state agencies.

Charge 2: Review and evaluate the actuarial soundness of the Employees Retirement System and Teacher Retirement System pension funds. Examine the cost of and potential strategies for achieving and maintaining the actuarial soundness of the funds. Examine the effect the unfunded liabilities could have on the state's credit rating. Examine the state's investment policies and practices, including investment objectives, targets, disclosure policies, and transparency. (Joint charge with the House Committee on Pensions, Investments & Financial Services)

- [House Committee Resources: Pensions, Investments & Financial Services](#) (Blog), Legislative Reference Library, August 21, 2020
- [Annual Report of Major State Investment Funds: Fiscal Year 2017](#), Legislative

Budget Board, February 2019

Charge 3: Examine the cost of state employee turnover on the state budget and review the impact of recent targeted salary increases, including those at the Health and Human Services Commission and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

- *An Annual Report on Classified Employee Turnover for Fiscal Year 2019*, Texas State Auditor's Office, March 2020,
- *Overview of the Effectiveness of Targeted Pay Raises* (Staff Reports 2019), Legislative Budget Board, April 2019
- "Texas Prison Guards to Get a Small Raise, but Some Doubt It Will Help with Chronic Understaffing," *Texas Tribune*, June 18, 2019
- "State Employees: Turnover Rises in Hot Economy," *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, May 2018
- *How Did Texas Decrease Caseworker Turnover and Stabilize Its Workforce?*, Casey Family Programs, updated March 2018

Charge 4: Evaluate the volume and efficacy of reporting requirements required in the *General Appropriations Act* and identify opportunities to streamline and consolidate agency reporting requirements.

Charge 5: Monitor the implementation of *SB 68*, providing for expanded implementation of the Strategic Fiscal Review process.

Charge 6: Examine the number, type, and estimated value of accounts maintained outside of the State Treasury, and the potential impact to state budget certification made by moving additional funds outside the Treasury.

- *State of Texas Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2019*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, February 28, 2020
- *Funds Outside the Treasury: Legislative Policy Report*, Legislative Budget Board, February 2019
- "'Local Funds' and State Finances: State Funds Outside the Treasury," *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, August 2017
- *Legislative Budget Board Staff Reports* (Improve Available Information Regarding Funds Held Outside the State Treasury), Legislative Budget Board, January 2017

Charge 7: Identify structural changes that can be made to the Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) in order to maximize investments and establish a source of funding for long-term liabilities. Examine the potential of using the fund for long-term infrastructure projects and the impact of the constitutional cap on the ESF balance.

- *Economic Stabilization Fund*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, February 2020
- *Interim Report (Charge 3 – Economic Stabilization Fund Investment)*, Senate Finance Committee, November 2018
- "Long-Term Obligations and the Texas Legacy Fund," *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, October 2018
- *Options to Increase Investment Earnings of the Economic Stabilization Fund* (Presented to the Senate Finance Committee), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, March 20, 2018
- "Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar Pitches Rainy Day Fund Overhaul," *Texas Tribune*, April 13, 2017

Charge 8: Monitor the *State Auditor's* review of agencies and programs. The Chair shall seek input and periodic briefings on completed audits for the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years with potential impact on the appropriations process and bring forth pertinent issues for full committee consideration.

House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on *Infrastructure, Resiliency, & Investments*

Charge 1: Monitor the implementation of disaster-related legislation from the 86th Legislature, including but not limited to *SB 7*, *SB 8*, and *SB 500*. Identify any issues and corresponding remedies for those issues in drawing down any federal funds related to the purposes of carrying out the intent of the newly enacted legislation.

- *Fiscal Size-Up: 2020-21 Biennium* (Disaster Recovery, Infrastructure Resiliency, and Flood Infrastructure, House Joint Resolution 4 and Senate Bill 7, Senate Bill 8, Texas Water Development Board), Legislative Budget Board, May 2020
- "Fiscal Highlights from the 86th Legislature: Legislative Session Tackled Public Education, Property Taxes," *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, September 2019
- "'Future-Proofing' Texas Against Natural Disaster: The State Plans for the Next Storm," *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, May 2019
- *State Flood Assessment: Report to the Legislature, 86th Legislative Session*,

Texas Water Development Board, January 2019

- [TWDB Flood Programs](#) (Flood Infrastructure Fund, Flood Planning, Flood Protection Grant Programs), Texas Water Development Board

Charge 2: Review the funding appropriated to state agencies for information technology (IT) and cybersecurity improvements and modernization. Evaluate the cost of ongoing IT and cybersecurity upgrades and the methodology for prioritizing projects.

- [Fiscal Size-Up: 2020-21 Biennium](#) (Department of Information Resources), Legislative Budget Board, May 2020
- ["Cyberdefense for Texas State Government: Public Data Systems, Infrastructure Under Attack," Fiscal Notes](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, March 2019
- [Interim Report](#), Senate Select Committee on Cybersecurity, October 2018
- [Texas Cybersecurity Strategic Plan: Fiscal Years 2018-2023](#), Texas Department of Information Resources, Office of the Chief Information Security Officer, January 25, 2018
- [Stronger Together: State and Local Cybersecurity Collaboration](#), National Governors Association / National Association of State Chief Information Officers
- [Technology Legislation](#) (86th Texas Legislative Session (2019) – Update, Implementation Presentation, and Implementation Checklist), Texas Department of Information Resources

Charge 3: Monitor the implementation of [SB 69](#) and the impact to investment returns made from the Economic Stabilization Fund.

- [History of Economic Stabilization Fund \(ESF\)](#) (Interactive Graphic), Legislative Budget Board, last updated June 23, 2020
- [Fiscal Size-Up: 2020-21 Biennium](#) ([Senate Bill 69](#)), Legislative Budget Board, May 2020
- [Economic Stabilization Fund](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, February 2020

House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on [Articles I, IV & V](#)

Charge 1: Monitor the agencies and programs under Articles I, IV, and V, and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation and riders passed by the 86th Legislature.

Charge 2: Monitor the use of additional funds provided to the Department of Public Safety for driver license services improvements and construction of new driver license service centers. Evaluate the progress being made to reduce wait times at service centers throughout the state.

- *Fiscal Size-Up: 2020-21 Biennium* (Department of Public Safety, Driver License Services – Figure 264: Department of Public Safety Driver License Improvement Program Funding and Average Wait Times, Fiscal Years 2012 to 2021), Legislative Budget Board, May 2020
- "Texas Driver's Licenses: A Customer Service Challenge," *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, October 2019
- *Staff Report with Final Results: Department of Public Safety*, Sunset Advisory Commission, June 2019
- *Minutes* (Ongoing Business – B. Report, discussion, update and possible action regarding Driver License Action Plan, third party study awarded to The University of Texas at Austin), Public Safety Commission, December 5, 2019
- *DPS IAC 2020: Technical Memorandums*, The University of Texas at Austin, Center for Transportation Research

Charge 3: Monitor use of state funding to increase forensic testing and reduce the sexual assault kit backlog.

- *Fiscal Size-Up: 2020-21 Biennium* (Department of Public Safety), Legislative Budget Board, May 2020
- *Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking Program*, Texas Department of Public Safety

Charge 4: Evaluate funding provided to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for the repair, maintenance, and upgrade of prison facilities. Determine areas of the facilities that are in most need of repair, maintenance, or upgrade and examine the costs associated with such repairs, maintenance, or upgrades. Examine the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee's administration of Hepatitis C treatment and procedures. Review the Community Justice Assistance Division's current compliance practices and examine current funding formulas for adult probation departments. Study the TDCJ's ownership of real property not being used for prison facilities, including the amount of property owned and its highest and best use. (Joint charge with the House Committee on Corrections)

- *Texas Progressive Interventions and Sanctions Bench Manual: 2020*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Community Justice Assistance Division, July 2020
- *Correctional Managed Health Care Committee Agenda*, Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, June 17, 2020
- *Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2020*, Texas Board of Criminal Justice, December 1, 2019
- *Report to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board on the Monitoring of*

Community Supervision Diversion Funds, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Community Justice Assistance Division, December 1, 2019

- *Community Supervision in Texas* (Fact Sheet), Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Community Justice Assistance Division, September 2019
- *Infection Control Manual: Hepatitis C Policy*, Correctional Managed Health Care Committee, effective April 2019

Charge 5: Monitor efforts by the Office of the Attorney General to redevelop the Texas Child Support Enforcement System.

- *An Audit Report on Selected Contracts at the Office of the Attorney General*, Texas State Auditor's Office, June 2017
- *An Audit Report on the Development of the Texas Child Support Enforcement System 2.0 at the Office of the Attorney General*, Texas State Auditor's Office, July 2011

Charge 6: Examine the major cost drivers within and the impact of funding provided to the Correctional Managed Health Care program.

- *Cost Drivers and Revenues: 10-Year Trend*, Legislative Budget Board, April 2019

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

Charge 1: Monitor the agencies and programs under Article III and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation and riders passed by the 86th Legislature.

Charge 2: Evaluate ongoing costs associated with implementing the provisions of HB 3.

- *There's a New School Finance Law in Texas..Now What?*, Center for Public Policy Priorities, March 2020
- *HB 3 Implementation Update* (Presentation to House Committee on Public Education), Texas Education Agency, October 28, 2019
- "Texas House Panel Considers Fixes for Glitches in School Finance Law," *Texas Tribune*, October 28, 2019
- "Texas K-12 Education Spending Set to Rise, but Who Will Pay?," *Southwest Economy*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Third Quarter 2019

Charge 3: Review formula funding for higher education institutions in Texas. Examine the general efficiency and equity of formula funding for these higher education institutions. Monitor the implementation of mission-specific pilot formulas at the state's health-related institutions.

- *Summary of the Recommendations of the Formula Advisory Committees*, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, April 23, 2020
- *Financing Public Higher Education in Texas: Legislative Primer*, Legislative Budget Board, March 2019
- *Interim Report (Charge 4 – Funding Models)*, Senate Higher Education Committee, November 2018
- "A Group of Texas Lawmakers Wants to Fix Higher Education Funding – But it Won't Be Easy," *Texas Tribune*, February 20, 2018
- *Higher Education Funding: Overview of Formula Funding for All Institution Types, Small Institution Supplement Funding & the Available University Fund and Higher Education Fund* (Presented to Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Formula Funding), Legislative Budget Board, February 2018

Charge 4: Examine the state higher education institutions' resources and research into the causes and cures for degenerative and debilitating brain and nervous conditions and the projected costs to the state for the treatment of those conditions.

- *Research Funding in Texas Overview: Fiscal Year 2020*, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2020
- *Research Expenditures Report September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018: Texas Universities and Health-Related Institutions* (Medical Sciences field includes neurology), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, September 2019
- *A Trillion-Dollar Opportunity: How Brain Research Can Drive Health and Prosperity*, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, July 2016

House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on **Articles VI, VII & VIII**

Charge 1: Monitor the agencies and programs under Articles VI, VII, and VIII, and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation and riders passed by the 86th Legislature.

Charge 2: Monitor the status of the operation, maintenance, and structural repairs of low hazard and high hazard dams throughout the state, as well as implementation of funds appropriated to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's Flood

Control Program during the 86th Legislature. (Joint charge with the House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock)

- [Dam Safety Federal Guidelines](#), Federal Emergency Management Agency, last updated August 17, 2020
- [Dam Safety Program](#), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, last modified July 10, 2020
- [Quarterly Program Update: Summer 2020](#), Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Summer 2020
- [Manual of Fiscal Operations for Soil and Water Conservation Districts](#), Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, updated February 2020
- [National Inventory of Dams](#) (Interactive Map & Charts – Region: Texas), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2018

Charge 3: Monitor the use of additional funds provided to the Texas Department of Transportation in [SB 500](#) for the Transportation Infrastructure Fund. Examine existing fund balances and determine if the funds should be held in a more efficient manner.

- ["216 Counties Eligible for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund"](#) (Legislative News), Texas Association of Counties, June 26, 2020
- [Fiscal Size-Up: 2020-21 Biennium](#) (Texas Department of Transportation), Legislative Budget Report, May 2020
- [County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program](#) (Presentation), Texas Department of Transportation, February 2020
- ["Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program"](#) (Legislative News), Texas Association of Counties, July 26, 2019
- [2020 County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program](#), Texas Department of Transportation
- [Texas Transportation Code Chapter 256](#), Funds and Taxes for County Roads ([Subchapter C](#) – Transportation Infrastructure Fund)

Charge 4: Evaluate funding provided to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the repair, maintenance, and upgrade of state park facilities. Determine the facilities that are in most need of repair, maintenance, or upgrade and examine the costs associated with such repairs, maintenance, or upgrades.

- [Current Texas State Park Capital Improvement Projects](#), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, updated August 11, 2020
- [Fiscal Size-Up: 2020-21 Biennium](#) (Parks and Wildlife Department), Legislative Budget Board, May 2020
- [State Park Improvements](#), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

