

Interim Hearings - Weeks of October 1 and 8, 2012

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October 5th

House Committee on [Higher Education](#)

Charge: Research funding

- [Diminishing Funding and Rising Expectations: Trends and Challenges for Public Research Universities](#), National Science Board, National Science Foundation, July 2012
- [Interim Report to the 81st Legislature \(Charge 5: Research\)](#), Senate Committee on Education, Subcommittee on Higher Education, December 2008
- [Research and Development: Funding](#) (academic institution profiles, federal funds, state profiles) and [WebCASPAR](#) (statistical data on science and engineering funding), National Science Foundation

October 8th

House Committee on [Appropriations - S/C on Articles VI, VII, & VIII](#) and [Urban Affairs](#) (Joint Hearing) Charge: Homelessness

- ["Ranks of Homeless Students Grow as Assistance Dwindles,"](#) *Houston Chronicle*, September 6, 2012
- ["Texas Funding Cut Leaves Local Agencies Scrambling to Continue Services for Homeless,"](#) *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, March 4, 2012
- [State of Homelessness in America 2012](#), National Alliance to End Homelessness, January 2012
- [America's Youngest Outcasts 2010: State Report Card on Child Homelessness](#), Campaign to End Child Homelessness, December 2011

House Committee on [Business & Industry](#)

Charge: Adverse possession

- "Texas County Hails Crackdown on House Squatters," *The Bryan-College Station Eagle*, September 5, 2012
- *Neighbor Uses Adverse Possession to Protect his Own Property*, WFAA-TV News, February 9, 2012

Charge: Deed restrictions

- "Creating, Changing, Extending Deed Restrictions," *Tierra Grande*, Revised January 2012

Charge: Monitor agencies and 82nd legislation, including changes to homeowners associations

- "Powers of HOAs in Texas Reduced," *San Antonio Express News*, February 3, 2012
- *Overview of 2011 Legislation for Texas POAs*, Texas Community Association Advocates, August 22, 2011

House Committee on Urban Affairs

Charge: Monitor agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and implementation of legislation by the 82nd Legislature (upon adjournment of Joint Hearing with House Committee on Appropriations - S/C on Articles VI, VII, & VIII)

Senate Committee on Education

Charge: Virtual schools

- *Understanding and Improving Full-Time Virtual Schools*, National Education Policy Center, July 18, 2012
- *Searching for the Reality of Virtual Schools*, Center for Public Education, National School Boards Association, May 2012
- *2010 Report on State Virtual Schools in SREB States*, June 2011, Southern Regional Education Board
- *Texas Virtual School Network Section, 2010 Progress Report on the Long-Range Plan for Technology, 2006-2020*, Texas Education Agency, 2010

October 9th

House Committee on **Defense & Veterans' Affairs** and **Elections** (Joint Hearing)

Charge: 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
- **SB 100**, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, Relating to the adoption of certain voting procedures and to certain elections, including procedures necessary to implement the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, deadlines for declaration of candidacy and dates for certain elections, and to terms of certain elected officials.
- *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

House Committee on **Defense & Veterans' Affairs**

Charge: Workforce transition, occupational licensing

- *"Training Veterans for Today's Economy,"* The Hill, September 13, 2012
- *"New Veteran Unemployment Rises to 10.9% in August,"* Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America, September 7, 2012
- *"Congress Approves Faster Jobs Licensing for Veterans,"* *Washington Post*, July 12, 2012
- *Military Skills for America's Future: Leveraging Military Service and Experience to Put Veterans and Military Spouses Back to Work*, Executive Office of the President, May 31, 2012
- *Supporting Our Military Families: Best Practices for Streamlining Occupational Licensing Across State Lines*, U.S. Department of Defense, February 2012
- *Military and Veterans Affairs State Legislation Database*, National Conference of State Legislatures, updated February 13, 2012 [select "Employment and Occupational Licensing" to search for legislation on that topic]

Charge: Suicide prevention

- "Uncounted Casualties," *Austin American-Statesman*, September 29, 2012
- "While the Army Stands Down, Suicide Rates are Up," Huffington Post, September 28, 2012
- *Suicide Prevention Efforts of the Veterans Health Administration*, Congressional Research Service, February 3, 2012
- *Understanding and Preventing Veteran Suicide*, Center for a New American Security, December 2, 2011
- "Suicide Risk and Prevention in Veteran Populations," *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 2010
- *Behavioral Health Services for Returning Veterans and Their Families: Services, Gaps, and Recommendations*, Texas Department of State Health Services, December 2008

Senate Committee on [Business & Commerce](#) (see the [Committee's blog](#) for written testimony, witnesses, and updates, as well as [Twitter](#))

Agency quarterly updates

Charge: Telecommunications market, specifically the Universal Service Fund

- "FCC Overhauls Universal Service Fund," *Government Technology*, April 2, 2012
- *Universal Service Fund: Eligibility and Compliance*, Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, October 6, 2011
- *A Growing Burden: Taxes and Fees on Wireless Service*, *State Tax Notes*, February 14, 2011 and "Texas Ranks 10th in Telecom Taxes," NBCDFW.com, September 30, 2011

Charge: Smart meters

- "Hearing on Smart Meters Poised to Draw Crowd," *Texas Tribune*, August 21, 2012 and [Archived Broadcast of Hearing on Advanced Meters](#), Texas Public Utility Commission, August 21, 2012
- *Report to the Commission - Smart Meter Deployment*, Michigan Public Service Commission, June 29, 2012
- *Health Impact Assessment [HIA] of the ComEd Advanced Metering Infrastructure Deployment* and *Executive Summary of the HIA*, Chicago Citizens Utility Board, April 2012
- "Skeptics Say New Meters Not So Smart," *Houston Chronicle*, March 16, 2012
- *2011 Assessment of Demand Response and Advanced Metering*, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, November 2011

Charge: Monitor implementation of legislation in the 82nd Regular and Called Sessions, specifically HB 2592 and 2594 relating to payday lending

- *"More Regulation Urged on Payday Loans," San Angelo Standard-Times, September 21, 2012*
- *"City Council Passes Payday Loan Ordinance," WOAI.com, September 20, 2012 and Draft Ordinance Regulating Credit Access Businesses, San Antonio City Council, September 20, 2012*
- *Payday Lending in America: Who Borrows, Where They Borrow, and Why,* Pew Charitable Trusts, July 2012
- *Austin Ordinance No. 20110818-075 (Permit/Registration of Credit Access Businesses),* City of Austin, August 18, 2011
- Credit Access Business (CAB) *First-Quarter* and *Second-Quarter* Data Reports, CY 2012, Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, September 7, 2012 (required by Texas Finance Code 393.627, HB 2594, 82nd Legislature, R.S.)

Senate Committee on *Government Organization* **CANCELED**

Charge: Cost-effectiveness analysis in state agency rule making

- *"Regulatory Analysis Act Introduced in Senate,"* National Small Business Association, September 5, 2012
- *Invited Testimony Before the House Committee on Government Efficiency and Reform,* Texas Public Policy Foundation, July 11, 2012
- *Better Regulation: Improving California's Rulemaking Process,* Little Hoover Commission, October 2011
- *Cost-Benefit and Other Analysis Requirements in the Rulemaking Process,* Congressional Research Service, August 30, 2011

Charge: Protection of state information and electronic data

- *House Committee on Public Health: Texas Cyber Risk,* Texas Department of Information Resources, April 11, 2012
- *Lessons Learned: Pilot Texas Cloud Offering,* Texas Department of Information Resources, August 2012 and *"Texas Considers the Cloud for Big Savings," San Antonio Express News,* July 25, 2012
- *Network Security Services,* Texas Department of Information Resources
- *Texas Cybersecurity Council,* Texas Department of Information Resources
- *Computer Security Division,* National Institute of Standards and Technology - Information Technology Laboratory

UPCOMING BUDGET HEARINGS

October 2nd

Funeral Service Commission

Licensing and Regulation, Texas Department of

October 3rd

Stephen F. Austin State University