Interim Hearings - Week of October 3, 2022

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- October 3, 2022
- House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence and House Commmittee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues (Joint)
- House Select Committee on Health Care Reform
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October 3, 2022

House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence and House Committee on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues (Joint)

Charge: Examine current caseloads and capacity issues for courts handling matters related to the Texas-Mexico border. Evaluate the preparedness of the court system to handle increases in caseloads that may result from the border crisis response and make recommendations to ensure the continued fair and efficient administration of justice in the state in addressing any increased caseloads.

- Operation Lone Star (Profile of Lubbock Private Defender Office), Voice for the Defense, November 2021
- Court Activity Database, Office of Court Administration
- Operation Lone Star, Lubbock Private Defender Office
- Operation Lone Star, Texas Indigent Defense Commission

House Select Committee on Health Care Reform

Charge: Study ways to improve outreach to families with children who are eligible for, but not enrolled in, Medicaid or CHIP, including children in rural areas.

• Analysis of Recent National Trends in Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment, Kaiser Family Foundation, September 12, 2022

- Millions of Children Way Lose Medicaid: What Can Be Done to Help Prevent Them from Becoming Uninsured?, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, February 2022
- Connecting Kids to Coverage: State Outreach, Enrollment and Retention Strategies, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, November 2021
- Uninsurance Rose among Children and Parents in 2019: National and State Patterns, Urban Institute, July 2021
- Children's Health Care Report Card: Children's Health Coverage in Texas, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute
- Healthcare Statistics (Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment), Texas Health and Human Services

Charge: Examine the potential impact of delayed care on the state's health care delivery system, health care costs, and patient health outcomes, as well as best practices for getting patients with foregone or delayed interventions back into the health care system. The study should consider patient delays in obtaining preventive and primary health services, such as well-child care, prenatal care, screenings for cancer and chronic disease, behavioral health, and immunizations, in addition to delays in seeking urgent care or care for chronic illness.

- Delayed and Forgone Health Care for Nonelderly Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Findings from the September 11-28 Coronavirus Tracking Survey, Urban Institute, February 2021
- Delayed Care With Harmful Health Consequences—Reported Experiences From National Surveys During Coronavirus Disease 2019, JAMA Health Forum, December 14, 2020
- Factors Associated With Forgone Care Among Children in the United States: An Analysis of the 2016-2018 National Survey of Children's Health, Health Services Research, August 20, 2020

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House Committee on Energy Resources (Midland)

Charge: Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- HB 1520, relating to extraordinary costs incurred by gas utilities relating to Winter Storm Uri and the authority to issue bonds and impose fees and assessments; and
- HB 3648, which requires the designation of certain natural gas facilities as

critical customers or critical gas suppliers during energy emergencies.

Charge: Examine ways to increase the production of oil and gas within the state. Review state and local regulations that could directly impact the exploration or production of oil and gas and make recommendations for increasing Texas' energy independence.

- Crude Oil Production in Texas's Eagle Ford Region Has Been Increasing Since February 2022, Today in Energy, U.S. Energy Information Administration, August 26, 2022
- In Texas, Calls to Boost U.S. Oil Production After Russian Invasion Run Into Hard Realities, Texas Tribune, March 25, 2022
- Rules and Production Data, Railroad Commission of Texas

Charge: Explore options for expanding the state's underground natural gas storage capacity, including using excess storage capacity for carbon capture opportunities and the creation of a strategic natural gas reserve for the state.

- Underground Natural Gas Working Storage Capacity, U.S. Energy Information Administration, August 31, 2022
- Fact Sheet: Underground Natural Gas Storage Caverns, U.S. Department of Transportation, last updated December 20, 2021
- Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) in the United States, Congressional Research Service, updated October 18, 2021
- The Basics of Underground Natural Gas Storage, U.S. Energy Information Administration, November 16, 2015
- Gas Storage Statistics, Railroad Commission of Texas
- Reservoir Gas Storage, Railroad Commission of Texas
- Underground Natural Gas Storage Capacity (By State), U.S. Energy Information Administration

Charge: Evaluate innovative and emerging energy sources. Identify and make recommendations to address legislative or regulatory obstacles to the use, development, and deployment of viable innovative and emerging energy sources.

- Power Systems on the Cusp of Fundamental Transformation: From Spinning Machines to Power-electronics, Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, August 23, 2022
- 2021 Legislative Energy Trends: Renewable Energy, National Conference of State Legislatures, April 25, 2022
- Zero Air Pollution and Zero Carbon From All Energy at Low Cost and Without Blackouts in Variable Weather Throughout the U.S. With 100% Wind-Water-Solar and Storage, Renewable Energy, December 1, 2021
- Solar Futures Study, U.S. Department of Energy, September 2021
- Geothermal Anywhere—Texas' Next Great Energy Opportunity, Bureau of Economic Geology, July 15, 2021
- Lessons from the 2021 Texas Hydrogen Roundtable, University of Texas at

Austin Energy Institute, January 12, 2021

• Clean Energy, U.S. Department of Energy

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House Committee on Transportation (Corpus Christi) Topic: Discuss transportation safety efforts in Texas.

- Unified Transportation Program 2023, Texas Department of Transportation, August 30, 2022
- 2050 Statewide Transportation Report, Texas Department of Transportation, January 2022
- Texas Transportation Plan 2050, Texas Department of Transportation, June 25, 2020
- Traffic Safety Campaigns, Texas Department of Transportation

Charge: Study the impacts that increased federal funding, formula changes, and new programs authorized in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will have on state transportation projects. Evaluate strategies to ensure Texas communities can maximize receipt of federal grant funds.

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Implementation and Key Resources, National Conference of State Legislatures, August 26, 2022
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Överview, Funding, Assistance / Local Support, Fact Sheets, Guidance), Federal Highway Administration, last modified August 4, 2022
- Texas Transportation Plan 2050, Texas Department of Transportation, June 25, 2020

Charge: Examine the ability of the state's seaports to promote the public purposes of state economic growth, diversification, and commerce through development of port-owned properties within their boundaries. Review the investments needed for Texas ports to remain competitive in handling increased cargo volumes and ensuring a resilient supply chain.

- Interim Hearings Week of September 5, 2022, September 8 House Committee on Transportation, Legislative Reference Library, September 1, 2022
- Interim Report to the 87th Texas Legislature (Charge 4 Ports), House Committee on Transportation, December 2020
- Economic Impact of the Texas Ports on the State of Texas and the United States, 2018, Prepared for the Texas Ports Association by Martin Associates, July

25, 2019

- Texas Maritime Ports and Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas Ports of Entry: Economic Impact 2018 (Seaports), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

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