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Today's Committee Meetings on the LRL website is a calendar of interim committee hearings with links to agendas. Below are resources related to upcoming Interim Hearings.

November 18th

House Committee on County Affairs

Topic: How Texas Department of Public Safety codes race during traffic stops

- "Texas Troopers Ticketing Hispanic Drivers as White," KXAN Investigation, updated November 9, 2015
- Interim Report to the 78th Legislature (Charge 5, Implementation of SB 1074, 77th Legislature, relating to the prevention of racial profiling by certain peace officers), Senate Committee on Jurisprudence, November 2002

Topic: Texas Commission on Jail Standards inmate intake screening form and recent jail suicides

- "State Unveils Measures Aimed at Reducing Jail Suicides," Houston Chronicle, updated September 16, 2015
- Invited and Public Testimony on Jail Standards, House Committee on County Affairs, September 15, 2015
- 37 Texas Administrative Code § 273.5, Mental Disabilities/Suicide Prevention Plan, Texas Commission on Jail Standards, amended April 10, 2013

November 20th

Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Mlitary Installations

Charge: Veteran benefits only offered to residents of the state of Texas — whether by being born here or by entering the service in Texas — and the state's liability

• State Argues We Must Preserve Hazlewood Act for Texas Veterans (Recent News), Attorney General of Texas, November 4, 2015, and Oral Argument Recordings (Docket No. 15-20105, Keith Harris v. Eliseo Cantu, Jr., et al., November 4, 2015), U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit

- Keith Harris v. Eliseo 'Al' Cantu of the Texas Veterans Commission, et al., Memorandum and order (Civil action no. H-14-1312; Texas Hazlewood Act), U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, January 26, 2015, and Keith Harris v. Eliseo 'Al' Cantu of the Texas Veterans Commission, et al., Plaintiff's original complaint and application for preliminary injunction and permanent injunction (Civil action no. H-14-1312; Texas Hazlewood Act), U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, May 12, 2014
- Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. KP-0015 (2015), Constitutionality of section 54.341 of the Education Code, the Hazlewood Act (RQ-0009-KP), and Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. DM-468 (1998), Whether Education Code section 54.203 violates the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution by exempting from dues, fees, and charges at an institution of higher education only those veterans who were Texas citizens at the time they entered the service, and related questions (RQ-937), Attorney General of Texas
- Report on the Hazlewood Exemption: Legislative Policy Report, Legislative Budget Board, December 2014
- Report and Recommendations to the 79th Texas Legislature (Charge 2, Inventory of state veterans' benefits), Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, December 2004
- Benefits for Veterans, Texas Veterans Portal
- Texas State Veteran's Benefits, Mlitary.com Benefits
- State/Territory Benefits Texas, MyArmyBenefits.com, U.S. Army
- Texas State Veterans Benefits, NOLO.com