

Interim Hearings – Week of February 3, 2020

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February 3

House Committee on [House Administration](#)

Topic: Budgets for recently appointed committees

February 5

House Committee on [Ways & Means](#)

Charge 1.2: [HB 1525](#) and [HB 2153](#), which relate to the collection of sales and use taxes by marketplaces and out-of-state businesses. Monitor the Comptroller of Public Accounts' rules regulating the collection of sales, use, and franchise tax to ensure compliance by marketplace providers and out-of-state businesses and monitor any revenue increases as a result of implementation of these bills.

- [34 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 3](#), State and Local Sales and Use Taxes
- [Franchise Tax](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- [Sales and Use Tax](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- [Texas Tax Responsibilities and Resources for Sellers After Wayfair](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Charge 5: Review the use of third-party tax collection firms, including law firms and tax specialty firms, by governmental units. Evaluate what methods other states use to collect taxes. Determine whether the use of those firms is cost-effective for the taxing jurisdiction or if the tax collection efforts should be performed by the taxing units directly.

- *Fiscal Fact: Tax Trends at the Dawn of 2020*, Tax Foundation, January 2020
- *Fiscal Fact: State Sales Taxes in the Post-Wayfair Era*, Tax Foundation, December 2019
- *Remote Sales Tax Collection*, National Conference of State Legislatures
- *State Notices and Resources for Remote Sellers*, Sales Tax Institute

Charge 6: Monitor the State Auditor's review of agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction. The Chair shall seek input and periodic briefings on completed audits for the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years and bring forth pertinent issues for full committee consideration.

- *SAO Reports: Complete List*, Texas State Auditor's Office

February 6

Senate Committee on **Business & Commerce**

Charge: Electricity: Assess the electricity market in Texas. Examine changes in customer demand, such as on-site storage, distributed generation, and electric vehicles. Study the usage of "non-wires alternatives," including energy storage, and recommend legislative changes if needed. Identify barriers to the electric market at the state or local level. Make recommendations to maintain grid reliability and encourage the continued success of the electric market.

- *Modernizing the Electric Grid: State Role and Policy Options*, National Conference of State Legislatures, November 2019
- *2018 State of the Market Report for the ERCOT Electricity Markets*, Potomac Economics, June 2019
- *Scope of Competition in Electric Markets in Texas: Report to the 86th Texas Legislature*, Public Utility Commission of Texas, January 2019
- *Interim Report to the 86th Legislature* (Charge 5 – Free market electricity, Charge 9 – Grid reliability), Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, December 3, 2018
- *State Brief: Texas*, Center for the New Energy Economy, Colorado State University, Updated September 2018
- *A Roadmap for Finding Flexibility in Wholesale Markets: Best Practices for Market Design and Operations in a High Renewables Future*, Energy Innovation: Policy and Technology LLC, October 2017
- *Staff Report to the Secretary on Electricity Markets and Reliability*, U.S. Department of Energy, August 2017
- *Resource Adequacy* (Assessments, drought risk, trend charts by fuel type, reserve margins), Electric Reliability Council of Texas [ERCOT]