

Interim Hearings - Week of May 23, 2016

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House Committee on [Agriculture & Livestock](#)

Charge 1: Policy challenges to the state's agriculture and livestock industry

- ["What Declining Oil Prices Mean for Cattle and Beef,"](#) *Western Livestock Journal*, January 22, 2016
- [Impact of Low Oil Prices on Food and Other Commodities](#), CEIC Data, June 11, 2015
- [U.S. Drought 2012: Farm and Food Impacts](#), Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, July 26, 2013
- ["Agricultural Impacts of Texas' Driest Year on Record,"](#) *Choices Magazine* (Agricultural & Applied Economics Association), Third Quarter 2012
- [Impacts of Higher Energy Prices on Agriculture and Rural Economics](#), Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, August 2011
- [An HSI Report: The Impact of Animal Agriculture on Global Warming and Climate Change](#), Humane Society International, June 2011
- [Managing Risk in Agriculture: A Holistic Approach](#), Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development, 2009

Charge 4: Windblown trash

Invited Testimony

Charge 5: Appraisal of agricultural land

- "Status Update and Trends of Texas Rural Working Lands," *Texas Land Trends*, October 2014
- "Tax Relief for Property Used in Ag Production," *Rockdale Reporter*, March 21, 2013
- *Agriculture Taxes in Texas*, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M System, January 2012
- "The Roundup on Agricultural Property Tax Appraisals," *The Cattleman Magazine*, October 2010
- *Agricultural and Timberland Appraisal*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- *Texas Tax Code §§23.51-23.60*, Appraisal of Agricultural Land

House Committee on Environmental Regulation

Charge 1: Household hazardous waste disposal

- *Household Hazardous Waste: A Guide for Texans* and *Household Hazardous Waste: Program Assistance*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- *Household Hazardous Waste*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Charge 4: Scrap tire management and disposal

- *Presentations at 2013 Scrap Tire Workshop in San Antonio, Texas*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, April 2013
- *Tracking the Fate of Scrap Tires in Texas: An Audit Report*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, December 2010
- *Tracking the Fate of Scrap Tires in Texas: An Audit Report*, TCEQ, December 2008
- *Using Scrap Tire and Crumb Rubber in Texas Highway Construction Projects* (Progress Report) Texas Department of Transportation, January 2007
- *Health interim report: Texas Border Health* (Tire Recycling Program), Senate Committee on Border Affairs, December 2000
- *Interim Report to the 76th Texas Legislature* (Waste Tire Program), House Committee on Environmental Regulation, November 1998
- *Interim Report to the 75th Legislature: Implementation of the Waste Tire Recycling Bill*, Senate Natural Resources Interim Subcommittee, September 1996
- *Scrap Tire Management* and *Scrap-Tire Recycling*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- *Scrap Tires and Rubber*, Texas Department of Transportation

Charge 5: Legislative oversight and monitoring

House Committee on Urban Affairs

Charge 3: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs low-income tax credit, compliance with U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs et al. v. Inclusive Communities Project, Inc., et al.* on fair housing in Texas

- *Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program*, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- *2016 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report* (Current litigation, pp. 215-216), Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 2016
- *Inclusive Communities Project* (Briefs, court opinions and orders), Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Charge 4: Housing programs and policies in Texas, compliance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's new *Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rules*

Charge 5: Low-income housing availability

- *"Report: Housing Getting Less Affordable Across Texas,"* Austin American-Statesman, March 14, 2016
- *Texas Homebuyers and Sellers Report*, Texas Realtors, March 1, 2016
- *2016 State of Texas Low Income Housing Plan and Annual Report*, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 2016
- *Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs: Sunset Final Report with Legislative Action*, Sunset Advisory Commission, July 2013
- *Interim Report to the 81st Texas Legislature* (Charge 1 - TDHCA Housing Tax Credit Program; Charge 3 - Affordable housing; Charge 4 - Housing Trust Fund), Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, December 2008
- *Affordable Housing Resources*, Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
- *Fair Housing Policy & Guidance, The Fair Housing Act and Related Laws*, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- *TDHCA Programs Overview*, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- *Texas Low Income Housing Information Service*
- *HUD in Texas*, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Charge 7: Legislative oversight and monitoring, including Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

Charge: Surface water and groundwater

- "High Court Hears From Ranch, Lubbock in Water Case "and "High Court Might Clarify Water and Surface Rights," *Texas Tribune*, October 14, 2015
- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature* (Charge 2 - Groundwater), House Committee on Natural Resources, January 2015
- "Whose Water Is It Anyway?," *Tierra Grande*, Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, July 2014 (Revised 2015)
- "Texas Groundwater Rights and Immunities: From *East to Day and Beyond*," *Texas Water Journal*, Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas A&M University, 2014
- "*Edwards Aquifer Authority V. Day And Bragg*—Predictions on Their Effects For Regulatory Takings Claims For Groundwater Used In Oil & Gas Operations," *66 Baylor Law Review* 471 (2014)
- "Liquid Assets: Groundwater in Texas," *122 Yale Law Journal* 143, (December 4, 2012)
- Applications for Surface Water Rights and Ownership Changes and Surface Water Rights and Availability, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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House Committee on [Government Transparency & Operation](#) and [House Select Committee on Emerging Issues in Texas Law Enforcement](#) (Joint Hearing)

Joint charge: Emerging technologies used by law enforcement and issues related to appropriate dissemination of the data

- "Local Police Use of Vast License Plate Database Raises Privacy Concern," *Austin American-Statesman*, February 18, 2016
- "Concerns Raised about Accessibility of Police Body Camera Footage," *Houston Chronicle*, February 7, 2016
- [Police Body Camera Policies](#) (includes policies on data retention, release, and security), Brennan Center for Justice, New York University School of Law, February 5, 2016
- *Policy Body Cam Footage: Just Another Public Record* (White Paper), Floyd Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression, Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic, Yale Law School, December 2015
- *Local Police Departments, 2013: Equipment and Technology*, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, July 2015
- *Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing* (Pillar 3: Technology & social media), U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Service, May 2015
- *Force Multiplier: Police Seek Effective Uses of Technology* (6-part Digital Communities report on wearable cameras, predictive policing, cloud computing, social media, crime-fighting civic apps, the future of policing & technology), *Government Technology*, September 22, 2014
- *Interim Report to the 78th Texas Legislature* (Charge 4 - Evaluate the use of advanced technologies by local law enforcement agencies), House Committee on Public Safety, November 2002

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House Committees on [Government Transparency & Operation](#) and [Homeland Security & Public Safety](#) (Joint Hearing)

Joint charge: Criminal records

- [Survey of State Criminal History Information Systems, 2014](#), U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, December 2015
- [Interim Report to the 84th Legislature](#) (Charge 3 - Sale of criminal histories), House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, January 2015
- [Criminal Records in the Digital Age: A Review of Current Practices and Recommendations for Reform in Texas](#), William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, The University of Texas School of Law, March 2013
- [Broken Records: How Errors by Criminal Background Checking Companies Harm Workers and Businesses](#) (Part IV/C, Bulk dissemination of records and state regulation of bulk dissemination), National Consumer Law Center, April 2012
- [An Audit Report on The Criminal Justice Information System at the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice](#), State Auditor's Office, September 2011

House Committee on [Government Transparency & Operation](#)

Charge: Public information

- ["Court: Austin Must ID Private Emails Used for Public Business," Austin American-Statesman](#), April 9, 2016
- [The Austin Bulldog v. Mayor Lee Leffingwell et al.; Opinion](#) (No. 03-13-00604-CV; open meetings, e-mail records), Texas Court of Appeals for the Third District, Austin, April 8, 2016
- [State Integrity Investigation 2015, Texas](#) (Public access to information), Center for Public Integrity, November 9, 2015
- [Public Information Handbook 2016](#) (Government Code Sec. 552.232, Responding to Repetitious or Redundant Requests), Office of Attorney General, Revised October 2015
- ["Few Cities Have Policies on Use of Private Email by Public Officials," Dallas Morning News](#), May 29, 2015
- ["On the Record: Public Information in North Texas," Dallas Morning News](#), January 23, 2015

House Committee on [Homeland Security & Public Safety](#)

Charge: Commercial motor vehicles

- [Texas Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers Handbook](#), Texas Department of Public Safety, June 2014

- *Federal Motor Carrier Safety: Modifying the Compliance, Safety, Accountability Program Would Improve the Ability to Identify High Risk Carriers*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, February 2014
- *A Texas Motor Carrier's Guide to Highway Safety*, Texas Department of Public Safety, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, August 2013
- *Commercial Vehicle Enforcement* (overview, history, CMV laws and rules by topic), Texas Department of Public Safety
- *Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR Parts 350-399)*, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
- *Texas Commercial Vehicle Regulations and Enforcement Procedures*, 37 Texas Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 4
- *Texas Transportation Code, Ch. 644*, Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Standards

House Committee on Transportation

Topic: Utility relocation issues on state right-of-way construction and maintenance projects

- *ROW (Right of Way) Utility Manual*, Texas Department of Transportation, May 2016
- *Local Government Projects Policy Manual* (Chapter 6 - Right of Way and Utilities), Texas Department of Transportation, June 2015

Topic: Toll revenues and total debt service

- *FY 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program* (Estimated revenues and expenditures), Texas Department of Transportation, May 2016 Quarterly Revision
- *Texas Toll Road Primer: Final Report*, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, November 2014

Topic: TxDOT Rail Division

- *2015 Texas Rail Plan: Executive Summary* (Draft), Texas Department of Transportation, December 2015
- *2015 Texas Rail Plan Update* (Chapters 1-5, Draft), Texas Department of Transportation, December
- *Rail-Highway Operations Manual*, Texas Department of Transportation, August 2015

Topic: TxDOT Rural Transit Division

- *TxDOT Awarded \$20 Million in Federal Funds to Improve Rural Transit*, Texas Department of Transportation, October 29, 2015
- *Texas Rural Transportation Plan 2035 – Final Report* (Appendixes and maps), Texas Department of Transportation, June 2012

Topic: Texas ports

• [Interim Hearings – Week of May 2, 2016](#), Senate Select Committee on Texas Ports, Legislative Reference Library, May 4, 2016

Topic: DMV processing and handling fee

- [Registration and Title Fees By State](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, March 7, 2016
- [Estimating the Cost to Process Vehicle Registration and Title Transactions in Texas Counties: Technical Report](#), Texas A&M Transportation Institute, May 2015

House Committee on [Transportation](#), Subcommittee on Long-term Infrastructure Planning

Topic: Financial forecast relating to transportation funding (testimony from Comptroller Hegar)

Topic: Finance options used in other states to fund transportation infrastructure

- [Paying for Local Infrastructure in a New Era of Federalism: A State-By-State Analysis](#), National League of Cities, 2016
- ["Shifting Gears: the Federal FAST Act Might Help States Find More Sustainable Transportation Revenue,"](#) *State Legislatures*, May 2016
- ["How States Make Infrastructure Budgets,"](#) (Survey), *Governing*, May 29, 2014
- ["States Get Creative to Fund Transportation Infrastructure,"](#) *FutureStructure*, April 8, 2014
- [The Road Ahead: County Transportation Funding and Financing](#), National Association of Counties, February 2014
- [The Future of Transportation Infrastructure Investments: Determining Best Practices for States' Funding and Financing Mechanisms](#), Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy, College of William & Mary, January 2014
- [On the Move: State Strategies for 21st Century Transportation Solutions](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, July 2012

Topic: Design-build contracts

- ["Contracting Experiment Drawing Mixed Reviews,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, May 22, 2015
- ["Texas Could Save \\$1 Billion Per Year: The Biggest Reform You've Never Heard Of,"](#) *Breitbart*, March 28, 2015

- *Interim Report to the 84th Texas Legislature* (Charge 3 – Design/Build project delivery), Senate Transportation Committee, January 2015
- *2015 State Statute Report: A Guide to State Design-Build Laws*, Design-Build Institute of America, 2015
- *84th Legislature 2015 - Mapping for the Future: Summary of Enacted Legislation* (HB20, Rider 47), Texas Department of Transportation, 2015
- *Survey on the Use of Design-Build and Other Alternative Project Delivery Methods in Texas*, Texas Legislative Council, December 2012
- *Texas Transportation Code, §§223.241-223.250*, Design-Build Contracts