Interim Hearings - Week of May 19, 2014

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May 19th Top

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

Charge: Ammonium nitrate regulation and insurance

- Chemical Safety Board Ongoing Investigation Emphasizes Lack of Protection for Communities at Risk from Ammonium Nitrate Storage Facilities; Finds Lack of Regulation at All Levels of Government and Statement by CSB Chairperson and Supervisory Investigator on West Fertilizer Accident, U.S. Chemical Safety Board, April 22, 2014
- "Texas Lawmaker Wants to Make Federal Chemical Reports More Useful for Firefighters In The Wake Of Deadly West Explosion, " Dallas Morning News (Investigates Blog), April 15, 2014
- "Texas Remains Wary of Regulation after West," Houston Chronicle, April 11, 2014
- Testimony before the Texas Homeland Security and Public Safety Committee, Office of the Texas State Chemist, April 14, 2014
- Ammonium Nitrate Compliance Guide, Office of the Texas State Chemist
- Ammonium Nitrate in Texas (State Fire Marshal's Office), Texas Department of Insurance
- Regulation of Fertilizers: Ammonium Nitrate and Anhydrous Ammonia,
 Congressional Research Service (via Federation of American Scientists), July 31, 2013

Charge: Role of state and local governments in disaster recovery

- "What Federal, State and Local Officials did in Response to the West Disaster," Dallas Worning News, December 14, 2013
- Emergency Management: Recovery, Texas Department of Public Safety

• State & Local Emergency Organizations, Texas Department of Public Safety

May 21st Top

House Committees on Appropriations - S/C on Articles VI, VII, & VIII and Natural Resources (Joint Hearing)

Charge: 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill funds

- "Four years after BP spill, settlement money slowly trickles in," NPR State Impact, April 9, 2014
- "BP spill restoration dollars trickling into Texas," Houston Chronicle, January 10, 2014
- Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, Draft Phase III Early Restoration Plan, Draft Programmatic Early Restoration Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (proposal for \$18.4 million in Texas early restoration projects)
- Gulf Spill Restoration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

House Committee on Appropriations - S/C on Articles VI, VII, & VIII

Charge: Progress on reducing the reliance on dedicated accounts for budget certification

- General Revenue-Dedicated Funds Budget, *Fiscal Size-Up*, *2014-15 Biennium*, p. 4, Legislative Budget Board, February 2014
- 83rd Legislature Report on Use of General Revenue & Dedicated Funds, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Revised October 16, 2013
- Interim Report to the 70th Legislature, House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Dedicated and Local Funds, December 1986
- General Revenue-Dedicated Funds, Legislative Budget Board

House Committees on Government Efficiency & Reform and Technology (Joint Hearing)

Charge: Department of Information Resources' Cooperative Contracts

• Cooperative Contracts Program Overview, Texas Department of Information Resources

Charge: Public's accessibility to government services and agencies through the use of mobile applications and online services

- "Mobile apps enable citizen engagement and better service," StateTech Magazine, April 8, 2014
- "NASCIO [National Association of State Chief Information Officers] site puts states' mobile apps in one place," GCN. com, Way 16, 2013
- Government in a Mobile World, Center for Technology in Government, October 2011

House Committee on Government Efficiency & Reform

Charge: State agencies using the Texas Workforce Commission's "Work in Texas" website for a more standardized applications process

• "WorkInTexas.com goes mobile," Texas Workforce Commission, September 30, 2013

House Committee on Investments & Financial Services

Charge: Texas home equity laws

- Did home equity restrictions help keep Texas mortgages from going underwater?, Southwest Economy, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Third Quarter 2013
- 2012 Home Equity Lending Report, Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, December 3, 2012
- Home Equity Loans in Texas: Frequently Asked Questions, Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner

Charge: Intrastate equity crowd funding system in Texas

- "New Washington crowdfunding law could aid startups," Government Technology, March 14, 2014
- "Crowdfunding: Michigan politicians love it; business community not so sure," Crain's Detroit Business, March 14, 2014
- "Brief: Texas Legislature to weigh intrastate crowdfunding exemption,"

CrowdFund Insider, February 8, 2014

Charge: Legislative oversight and monitoring of agencies

House Committee on Technology

Charge: Feasibility of an integrated identity management program (IIMP) for state agencies

 State Identity Credential and Access Management (SICAM) Guidance and Roadmap, National Association of State Chief Information Officers, September 2012

House Committee on Elections

Charge: Online voter registration systems

- Online Voter Registration, National Conference of State Legislatures, updated April 21, 2014 (including states with online voter registration, recent action, and NCSL webinar, Online Voter Registration: The Bipartisan Trend in Elections, November 21, 2013)
- *Understanding Online Voter Registration* (issue brief), Pew Center on the States, January 2014
- Online Voter Registration: Case Studies in Arizona and Washington, Pew Center on the States, March 2010

Charge: Secretary of State study required by HB 3103, 83rd Legislature, R.S., regarding moving the date of the Texas presidential primary election

Charge: Legislative oversight and monitoring of agencies

House Select Committee on Transparency in State Agency Operations

May 22nd Top

House Committee on Investments & Financial Services CANCELLED

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