

Interim Hearings - Week of January 9, 2012

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Tuesday, January 10th, 2012

Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

Topic: Quarterly updates from state agencies and entities including the Texas Department of Insurance and Public Utility Commission

Topic: Impact of current and anticipated drought conditions on electric generation capacity

- [Energy-Water Nexus in Texas](#), The University of Texas at Austin and Environmental Defense Fund, April 2009
- ["Technical Analysis of a River Basin-Based Model of Advanced Power Plant Cooling Technologies for Mitigating Water Management Challenges"](#) The University of Texas at Austin, *Environmental Research Letters*, July-September 2011 (relating to power plant water use, retrofitting power plants to recirculate water for cooling, or using dry cooling methods)
- [Water for Texas, Draft 2012 State Water Plan](#), Texas Water Development Board, September 23, 2011 (steam-electric power generation water demands)

Sunset Advisory Commission

Topics: Organizational information, overview of sunset process, approval of review schedule, proposed meeting schedule, approval of changes in Sunset Commission Across-the-Board Recommendations (ATBs), approval of operating budget

- [Sunset in Texas](#), Sunset Advisory Commission, November 2011
- [Sunset Agency Review Schedule](#), 2012-2013, 83rd Legislature, Sunset Advisory Commission

Thursday, January 12th, 2012

Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

Topic: Affordable housing after disasters, best practices for emergency short-term and long-term housing

- ["Maximizing the Sustainability of Integrated Housing Recovery Efforts,"](#) *Journal of Construction Engineering and Management*, July 2010
- [National Disaster Recovery Framework](#) (including Housing Recovery Support Function), U.S. Federal and Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), September 2011

Topic: Housing and development codes, and "hardening" guidelines for structures in areas prone to natural disasters; best practices for landowners on fire risk mitigation, fuel reduction, and urban forest management to reduce exposure to wildland fires

- [Firewise Communities](#), a project of the National Fire Protection Association
- [A Public Policy Primer on Disaster Safety](#), Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS)

Tuesday, January 17th, 2012

House Committee on County Affairs

Topic: Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid 1115 Waiver

- [Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program - Program Brief, Medicaid 1115 Waiver Proposal](#), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, July 13, 2011
- [Approval Letter and Documents](#), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, December 12, 2011

Thursday, January 26th, 2012

House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development

Topic: Texas' industry cluster initiatives, implementation of recommendations made by the Governor's Competitiveness Council, and new recommendations for Texas to remain an economic development leader

- [Texas Industry Concentrations 2012: Where the State's Key Sectors Cluster](#), Office of the Governor - Economic Development and Tourism, December 2011
- [Rich States, Poor States 2011: The ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index](#), American Legislative Exchange Council, June 2011
- [The 2010 state new economy index: benchmarking economic transformation](#)

in the states, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, November 2010

- *Council's Report to the Governor*, Governor's Competitiveness Council, July 2008
- "Industry clusters shape Texas economy," Southwest Economy (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas), September/October 2007