

Interim Hearings – Week of April 9, 2018

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April 10

House Committee on [Defense & Veterans' Affairs](#) (San Antonio)

Charge: Aid to federal military installations and their communities in order to minimize the negative consequences of a Base Realignment and Closure

- [Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature \(Topic 1](#) – Maintaining the military value of defense installations and communities, including Charge 4 – Aid to federal military installations), House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs, December 2016
- [Preparing for Duty: State Policy Options to Sustain Military Installations](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, December 2016
- [Report and Recommendations to the 85th Texas Legislature \(Charge 5](#) – Best practices for improving military value at military installations in Texas), Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations, November 2016
- ["Military Installations Worth Billions for Texas: Comptroller Study Weighs Economic Impacts"](#), *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, September 2016

April 12

House Committee on [Economic & Small Business Development](#) (Richardson)

Charge 2: Development of high-growth, high-tech start-ups, "sandbox" regulatory approach

- [Arizona Becomes First State to Establish FinTech Sandbox \(HB2434](#), AZ Leg. 2018), Competitive Enterprise Institute, March 24, 2018
- [Financial Technology: Additional Steps By Regulators Could Protect Consumers and Aid Regulatory Oversight](#), U.S. Government Accountability Office, March 2018
- ["Activists Fear Arizona Will Let Companies Prey in a 'Regulatory Sandbox'"](#), *Phoenix New Times*, February 27, 2018

- *Modernizing Regulation to Encourage Fintech Innovation* (Testimony and Attachments), U. S. House Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit Examining Opportunities and Challenges in the Financial Technology ("Fintech") Marketplace, January 30, 2018
- *"Regulatory Sandboxes Can Help States Advance FinTech," American Banker*, September 5, 2017

Charge 3: Workforce needs of the state's businesses and industries

- *The Myth of the Skills Gap*, " *MIT Technology Review*, August 25, 2017
- *State and Local Government Workforce: 2017 Trends* (Survey Findings), Center for State & Local Government Excellence, June 2017
- *State Workforce and Economic Development: Opportunities for Collaboration*, Urban Institute, November 2016
- *Prosperity Requires Being Bold: Integrating Education and the Workforce for a Bright Texas Future* (Tri-Agency Report to the Office of the Governor), Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Workforce Commission, November 2016
- *"Which Industries Need Workers? Exploring Differences in Labor Market Activity," Monthly Labor Review* (Bureau of Labor Statistics), January 2016
- *The Workforce in Texas: Aligning Education to Meet the Needs of Texas Employers*, Texas Association of Workforce Boards, February 2015
- *A Workforce That Works: County Innovations in Workforce Development*, National Association of Counties, July 2014

Charge 4: Distribution of state economic development incentives

- *All Texas Enterprise Fund Awarded Projects to Date*, Office of the Governor, February 28, 2018
- *How States Are Improving Tax Incentives For Jobs and Growth: A National Assessment of Evaluation Practices*, The Pew Charitable Trusts, May 2017
- *Texas Enterprise Fund: 2017 Legislative Report* (Includes maps of all funded projects by region), Office of the Governor, 2017
- *Investing In Texas: Economic Incentives and Programs*, TTARA Research Foundation, February 2015
- *An Audit Report on the Texas Enterprise Fund at the Office of the Governor*, Texas State Auditor's Office, September 2014
- *Texas Government Code §§ 481.078 - 481.080*, Texas Enterprise Fund
- *Texas Government Code §§ 490G.001 - 490G.009*, Economic Incentive Oversight Board

House Committee on Insurance

Charge: Effect of Hurricane Harvey on the insurance market in Texas

- "Nearly 670K Property Insurance Claims in Texas from Hurricane Harvey: TDI," *Insurance Journal*, February 13, 2018
- *Hurricane Harvey Data Call, Presentation to the Senate Business and Commerce Committee* (Data on claims and losses; residential property, automobile, flood insurance, and commercial property data by region), Texas Department of Insurance, January 23, 2018
- "In Post-Harvey Houston, Insurance Has Created a New Gap Between the Haves and Have Nots," *Dallas Morning News*, December 27, 2017
- "ICT Estimates Hurricane Harvey Insured Losses at \$19 Billion" (Press Release), Insurance Council of Texas, September 15, 2017

Charge: Coverage provided by the most common homeowners' insurance policy forms in Texas

- *Regulating Homeowners Insurance in Texas*, House Research Organization, October 18, 2010
- *Homeowners Insurance*, Texas Department of Insurance
- *Residential Property Insurance*, Office of Public Insurance Counsel

Charge: Appraisal processes under property insurance policies in Texas

- *What if I Disagree with My Insurer's Decision?*, Texas Department of Insurance
- *Just the Facts: TWIA Appraisal Process and Deadlines and Dispute a Claim*, Texas Windstorm Insurance Association

Charge: Texas' financial responsibility laws for automobile insurance, including the minimum liability limits required by state law

- *Texas Transportation Code §§ 601.051 - 601.053*, Requirement of Financial Responsibility; Evidence of Financial Responsibility
- *Texas Transportation Code §§ 601.451 - 601.454*, Financial Responsibility Verification Program (TexasSure)
- *Texas Transportation Code § 601.072*, Minimum Coverage Amounts; Exclusions
- *Texas Transportation Code § 521.143*, Evidence of Financial Responsibility Required

Topic: Cost increases in life insurance policies and consumer protections for life insurance policy holders

- *Life Insurance Settlements: Regulatory Inconsistencies May Pose a Number of Challenges* (GAO-10-775), U.S. Government Accountability Office, July 9, 2010
- *28 Texas Administrative Code §§ 3.1201 - 3.1203*, Discretionary Clauses; *Adopted Rules* (Discussion, commentary, agency response), Official Order of the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Texas, No. 10-1035 (Deceptive Clauses), Texas Department of Insurance

