

Interim Hearings - Week of June 13, 2016

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June 13

House Committee on [Pensions](#)

Topic: Houston pension funds

- [Houston Municipal Employees Pension System Actuarial Valuation Report for the Year Beginning July 1, 2015](#), Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company, March 24, 2016
- [Houston Municipal Employees Pension System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For the Years Ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014](#), Houston Municipal Employees Pension System, November 19, 2015
- ["A Story of Missed Opportunities: How Houston's Pensions Got Hijacked"](#) (Inside Policy & Politics Blog), *Houston Chronicle*, October 13, 2015
- [Swamped: How Pension Debt is Sinking the Bayou City](#), Laura and John Arnold Foundation, August 2015
- [Why City Pension Problems Have Not Improved, and a Roadmap Forward](#), Hoover Institution Economics Working Papers, January 19, 2015

Charge 4: Structural reforms to state public pension plans, feasibility of one-time funding increases

- [Safeguarding Public-Pension Systems: A Governance-Based Approach](#), Manhattan Institute, March 2016
- [Study of the Financial Health of Texas Public Retirement Systems](#), Texas Pension Review Board, December 2014
- [A Common-Sense Strategy for Fixing State Pension Problems in Tough Economic Times](#), Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, May 12, 2011

June 16

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

Charge 7: Shared economy growth

- *Uber, Airbnb and Consequences of the Sharing Economy: Research Roundup*, Journalist's Resource, Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center and the Carnegie-Knight Initiative, Updated June 2, 2016
- *The Sharing Economy: A Taxing Experience for New Entrepreneurs Part I*, (Testimony - U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Small Business), Kogod Tax Policy Center, May 24, 2016
- *Shared, Collaborative and On Demand: The New Digital Economy*, Pew Research Center, May 19, 2016
- *Three Paths to Update Labor Law for the Gig Economy*, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, April 2016
- *The Gig Economy & The Board's FedEx Home Delivery Independent Contractor Test*, Presented at 2016 Midwinter Meeting of the ABA Committee of Development of the Law Under the NLRA, American Bar Association, February 2016
- *What Does the Gig Economy Mean for Workers?*, Congressional Research Service, February 5, 2016
- *2016 Symposium Papers* - See *Workers On-Demand: Employment Law in the Sharing Economy (Application of Employee Versus Independent Contractor Concepts to the Gig Economy)* and *(Worker Vulnerability in the "Gig Economy")*, Presented at National Symposium on Technology in Labor and Employment Law, American Bar Association, 2016
- *Local Governments and the Sharing Economy: A Roadmap Helping Local Governments Across North America Strategically Engage with the Sharing Economy to Foster More Sustainable Cities (City Cases and Snapshots* - Austin, Dallas, Houston & San Antonio), One Earth, October 2015
- *A Proposal for Modernizing Labor Laws for Twenty-First Century Work: The "Independent Worker" and Workers and the Online Gig Economy*, The Hamilton Project, December 2015
- *"State Legislatures and the Sharing Economy," CQ RollCall*, October 2015
- *Sharing Economy* (Latest research), National League of Cities

Charge 9: Legislative oversight and monitoring of agencies, including updates regarding transfer of duties and services from health and human services agencies to the Texas Workforce Commission, and impact of incentive reform legislation

- *Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services Program Transition*, Texas Workforce Commission
- *HHS Transformation and HHS Transformation News*, Texas Health & Human Services Commission, Updated May 18, 2016
- *Transition of DARS Programs and Functions*, Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services
- *Wind Down of Former Emerging Technology Fund Assets and Investment of Texas Economic Stabilization Fund Assets* (Presentation to House Investments and Financial Services Committee), Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, March 29, 2016
- *"Texas Emerging Technology Fund Still Benefiting Life Sciences Startups," Silicon Hills News*, October 21, 2015

Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

Charge: Collaborative partnerships between state-owned mental health hospitals and university health science centers

- *State Hospitals: Mental Health Facilities in Texas: Legislative Primer*, Legislative Budget Board, April 2016
- "Texas Must Fix Its Mental Health Hospital System," David Lakey, *TribTalk*, August 28, 2015
- *State Hospital System Long-Term Plan*, Texas Department of State Health Services, January 2015
- *The Vital Role of State Psychiatric Hospitals*, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) Medical Directors Council, July 2014

Charge: Diversion of individuals with serious mental illness from criminal justice settings, recidivism prevention

- *Home and Community-Based Services Expansion: Jail and Emergency Department Diversion*, Texas Department of State Health Services, April 2016
- "Handling Mentally Ill Offenders," *The Prosecutor*, Texas District and County Attorneys Association, January-February 2016
- *Overincarceration of People with Mental Illness: Pretrial Diversion Across the Country and the Next Steps for Texas to Improve its Efforts and Increase Utilization*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, June 2015
- *Pretrial Diversion*, National Conference of State Legislatures, May 13, 2015
- *Statewide Criminal and Juvenile Justice Recidivism and Revocation Rates*, Legislative Budget Board, February 2015
- *Smart Justice, Initiative Resources, Jail Diversion*, National Association of Counties

Charge: Tele-monitoring and telemedicine services for adults and children with complex medical needs, correctional facilities, rural areas

- "Doctors Without Borders," *Governing*, February 2016
- "State Prisons Turn to Telemedicine to Improve Health and Save Money," *Stateline*, Pew Charitable Trusts, January 21, 2016 (focuses on Texas)
- *Telehealth Policy Trends and Considerations*, National Conference of State Legislatures, December 9, 2015
- *Realizing the Promise of Telehealth for Children with Special Health Care Needs*, Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, August 2015