

Interim Hearings – Week of April 30, 2018

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April 30

House Select Committee on [Texas Ports, Innovation & Infrastructure](#) (Corpus Christi)

Charge: Maritime port program for "Funding of Port Security, Projects, and Studies" in Chapter 55 of the Texas Transportation Code; Address maritime-related port access and freight mobility needs

- [Texas Ports 2017-2018 Capital Program: Project Summaries](#), Port Authority Advisory Committee, November 2016
- [West Coast Ports: Better Supply Chain Information Could Improve DOT's Freight Efforts](#), U.S. Government Accountability Office, October 2016
- [Overview of Texas Ports and Waterways](#) (Testimony to Senate Select Committee on Texas Ports), Texas Department of Transportation, May 4, 2016
- [Texas Ports Strategic Mission Plan: 85th Legislative Session](#), Port Authority Advisory Committee, 2016
- [Survey of State Funding Practices for Coastal Port Infrastructure: Final Report](#), Texas A&M Transportation Institute, May 2015
- [Maritime Infrastructure: Opportunities Exist to Improve the Effectiveness of Federal Efforts to Support the Marine Transportation System](#), U.S. Government Accountability Office, November 2012
- [Texas Transportation Code §§ 55.001-55.009](#), Funding of Port Security, Projects, and Studies

Charge: Benefits of [SB 28](#), 85th Legislature, R. S., funding of ship channel improvements

- [A Deep Dive on America's Ports](#) (Blog), Bipartisan Policy Center, July 27, 2017
- ["Provide State Funding for Seaport Capital Improvements,"](#) *Legislative Budget Board Staff Reports*, Legislative Budget Board, January 2017
- [Interim Report to the 85th Legislature](#), Senate Select Committee on Texas Ports, November 2016
- [Port Infrastructure and Public-Private Partnerships](#), Office of Legislative Research, Connecticut General Assembly, January 9, 2014
- [Texas Transportation Code §§ 56.001-56.003](#), Funding of Ship Channel Improvements

Charge: Maintenance and dredging to ensure navigable waterways and channels, alternative funding to remain competitive in post-Panama Canal expansion era

- [The Potential Impacts of the Panama Canal Expansion on Texas Ports](#), Texas A&M Transportation Institute, January 2018
- [Tools for Port Authority Transportation Reinvestment Zones \(TRZ\) and TRZs for Multimodal Applications](#), Texas A&M Transportation Institute, March 2017
- [What is the TIGER Discretionary Grant Program?](#), Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants, FAQs FY2017 Program, [TIGER Awards](#), U. S. Department of Transportation, 2017
- ["What to do About the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund?"](#) *Eno Transportation Weekly*, Eno Center for Transportation, September 30, 2016
- ["Some Fear Texas Unprepared for Panama Canal Expansion,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, December 1, 2015
- ["Lack of Harbor Maintenance is Threatening U.S. Shipping. Here's How,"](#) *Fortune*, May 13, 2015
- [Harbor Maintenance Finance and Funding](#), Congressional Research Service, September 12, 2013

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May 1

House Committee on [Corrections](#)

Charge 1: Texas Department of Criminal justice response to Hurricane Harvey, operational stability of state criminal justice institutions following a natural disaster

- ["Harvey Expenses Continue to Rise for Texas Prison System,"](#) *Houston Chronicle*, December 17, 2017
- ["TDCJ Handles Hurricane Harvey with Readiness, Response, Recovery,"](#) *Criminal Justice Connections*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice,

September/October 2017

Charge 2: Social workers and peer support specialists in the Texas criminal justice system

- *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature (Charge 3 – Inmate re-entry, including Certified Peer Support Services)*, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, December 2016
- *Report on the Mental Health Peer Support Re-Entry Pilot Program for Fiscal Year 2016: As Required by the 2016-17 General Appropriations Act, HB 1, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015 (Article II, Department of State Health Services, Rider 73)*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, December 2016
- *From Mass Incarceration to Smart Decarceration: American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare Grand Challenges Initiative Concept Paper* (2014 CSD Working Papers No. 14-31), Washington University in St. Louis, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Center for Social Development, 2014
- *Reentry and Integration Division* (Reentry resource guide, reentry articles and reports), *Rehabilitation Programs Division*, *Peer Recovery Support Services*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Charge 4: Treatment options, services, and programs available to women in institutional settings, on community supervision, on parole, and in community-based programs

- *A Growing Population: The Surge of Women into Texas' Criminal Justice System (Executive Summary)*, Full Report available at <https://texascjc.org/>, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, March 2018
- *The Gender Divide: Tracking Women's State Prison Growth* (Includes charts of Texas women's and men's incarceration rates, 1978-2015), Prison Policy Initiative, January 9, 2018
- *Prisoners in 2016*, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, January 2018

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Senate Committee on **Business & Commerce**

Charge: Grid reliability

- *Report on the Capacity, Demand and Reserves (CDR) in the ERCOT Region, 2018-2027*, Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), December 18, 2017
- *"Industry and Government Partner to Secure the Grid," Public Power*, November 9, 2017

- Letter from Secretary of Energy Rick Perry to Neil Chatterjee, et al. of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Regarding Secretary of Energy's Direction that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Issue Grid Resiliency Rules Pursuant to the Secretary's Authority Under Section 403 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, September 28, 2017
- *Staff Report to the Secretary on Electricity Markets and Reliability*, U.S. Department of Energy, August 2017
- *State Efforts to Protect the Electric Grid*, National Conference of State Legislatures, April 2016

Charge: Free market electricity

- *Preliminary Seasonal Assessment of Resource Adequacy for the ERCOT Region (Summer 2018)*, Electric Reliability Council of Texas, March 1, 2018
- *Electricity Prices In Texas: A Snapshot Report*, 2017 Edition, Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, July 2017
- *2016 State of the Market Report for the ERCOT Electricity Markets*, Potomac Economics, Independent Market Monitor for ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas), May 2017
- *Deregulated Electricity in Texas: A History of Retail Competition*, Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, April 2016

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House Committee on **Business & Industry** (South Padre Island)

Charge 1 (Partial): Workforce to rebuild key infrastructure, as well as residential and commercial properties damaged by Hurricane Harvey; labor needs within construction industry

- "A Storm to Remember: Hurricane Harvey and the Texas Economy," *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, February 2018
- "Overcoming the Storm," *Texas Builder*, Texas Association of Builders, November/December 2017
- *The Governor's Commission to Rebuild Texas*
- *Hurricane Harvey Resources*, Texas Workforce Commission

Charge 5: Texas workers' compensation system, including existing policies on compounded pharmaceuticals and designated doctor assessments; trends in employer participation

- *Workers' Compensation: Benefits, Coverage, and Costs*, National Academy of

Social Insurance, October 2017

- *2017 Workers' Compensation Network Report Card*, Texas Department of Insurance, Workers' Compensation Research and Evaluation Group, September 2017
- *Baseline Evaluation of the Utilization and Cost Patterns of Compounded Drugs*, Texas Department of Insurance, Workers' Compensation Research and Evaluation Group, May 2017
- *Biennial Report to the 85th Legislature*, Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, December 2016
- *Employer Participation in the Texas Workers' Compensation System: 2016 Estimates*, Texas Department of Insurance, Workers' Compensation Research and Evaluation Group, December 2016
- *Health Care Cost and Utilization in the Texas Workers' Compensation System, 2000-2015*, Texas Department of Insurance, Workers' Compensation Research and Evaluation Group, December 2016
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature (Charge 7 – Designated doctors in Texas workers' compensation system)*, House Committee on Business & Industry, December 2016

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House Committee on *Business & Industry* (Brownsville)

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Charge 6: Monitor agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature, specifically:

- Workers' Compensation and first responders (cancer)
 - *OIEC First Responder Liaison*, Office of Injured Employee Counsel, Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation
- Wage Theft
 - *Employers Steal Billions from Workers' Paychecks Each Year*, Economic Policy Institute, May 10, 2017

- *Wage Theft Ordinance*, City of El Paso, June 16, 2015
- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature* (Wage Theft), House Committee on Business and Industry, January 2015
- *Wage Theft Ordinance*, City of Houston, November 20, 2013
- *Preventing Wage Theft in Texas*, Center for Public Policy Priorities, August 27, 2013
- *Texas Labor Code § 61.019*, Failure to Pay Wages; Criminal Penalty

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