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April 23rd

Senate Committee on [Government Organization](#)

Charge: State bidding process

- [Texas Contract Management Guide](#), Texas Comptroller, 2012
- ["Favored Consultants Got \\$420K in Texas Contracts, Auditors Say," Houston Chronicle](#), June 8, 2011
- [Texas Procurement Manual](#), Texas Comptroller, 2011
- ["DPS Outsourced Border Security to Private Firm Via No-Bid Contracts," Austin American-Statesman](#), March 15, 2012

Charge: Energy savings performance contracts

- [An Audit Report on Energy Savings Performance Contracts at Selected Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education](#), Texas State Auditor, September 2008
- [Advancing Green Building Policy in the States](#), U.S. Green Building Council, September 2011
- [Energy Savings Performance Contracting Guidelines for State Agencies](#), State Energy Conservation Office, November 2009
- ["Contractors Seeing Work from Focus on Energy Savings," Washington Post](#), February 14, 2012

April 24th

House Committees on Homeland Security & Public Safety and Border & Intergovernmental Affairs ([Work Session](#)/[Joint Hearing](#), Copperas Cove)

Charge: Interstate coordination concerning border security and intelligence sharing

- ["Arizona Seeking Pacts with Other States to Defy Federal Government," The Arizona Republic](#), March 9, 2011
- [Backgrounder: Southwest Border Security Operations](#), National Immigration Forum, Updated December 2010

Charge: Border security, steamship agencies and land ports of entry along the Texas-Mexico border

- "Groups Allege Proposed Budget Harms Trade, Immigrants," *The Texas Tribune*, February 15, 2012
- *Meeting Land Port of Entry Modernization Needs in Constrained Budgetary Environment*, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Joint Working Committee - October 27-28, 2011
- *El Paso Regional Ports of Entry Operations Plan*, Texas Department of Transportation, June 2011
- *Atlas of the Land Entry Ports on the U.S. - Mexico Border*, Border Policy Research Institute, 2010
- *North American Border Crossing/Entry Data* (Port Location), Bureau of Transportation Statistics

House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

Charge: Deer breeders

- "Smuggling Brings Down Texas Deer Breeders," *Los Angeles Times*, February 4, 2012
- *Deer Breeder Program*, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
- "'Deer Doctor' Works to Preserve Whitetail Population," *Wise County Messenger*, March 12, 2012
- "Game Wardens Target Deer Smugglers," *Houston Chronicle*, October 18, 2011

Charge: Agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 82nd Legislature

House Committee on Higher Education

Charge: Manufacturing capability

- *Boiling Point? The Skills Gap in U.S. Manufacturing*, Deloitte Consulting LLP and the Manufacturing Institute, October 17, 2011
- *Driving Innovation from the Middle: Middle-Skill Jobs in the American South's Economy*, August 2011, and *Forgotten Middle-Skill Jobs: State-by-State Snapshots*, including Texas, National Skills Coalition (formerly Workforce Alliance)
- *Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey* (monthly), Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, latest report March 26, 2012

April 25th

House Committees on Economic & Small Business Development and Higher Education (Joint Hearing)

Charge: University research and technology commercialization

- *The Researcher Guidebook: A Guide for Successful Institutional-Industrial Collaborations*, University-Industry Demonstration Partnership, March 12, 2012
- *Jumpstarting University Technology Innovation Ecosystems: Private-Sector Partners Can Help Universities Make More of Their Research*, Science Progress, March 14, 2012
- "Texas A&M Announces Plans to Strengthen and Enhance Research Initiatives," *TAMU Times*, September 16, 2011
- "Research Institutions Are Vital to the Success of Texas, Say Leaders in Academia and Industry," *Texas Enterprise*, July 18, 2011
- "University/Industry Partnerships Work: Don't Kill the Golden Goose," *IP Watchdog*, July 15, 2011
- *Office of Technology Commercialization*, University of Texas at Austin
- *Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable*, The National Academies

April 26th

Joint Committee on **Aging**

Topic: Innovative transportation strategy for seniors; workforce serving the aging population

- *Aging in Place: A State Survey of Livability Policies and Practices*, AARP Public Policy Institute and National Conference of State Legislatures, December 2011 (including transportation choices)
- "Improving the Long-Term Care Workforce Serving Older Adults," *Health Affairs*, January 2010 [Contact Library for full text]
- *Keeping Baby Boomers Mobile: Preserving the Mobility and Safety of Older Americans*, TRIP, A National Transportation Research Group, and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), February 2012
- *Report of Findings, Nursing Facility Staffing Survey 2010*, American Health Care Association, October 2011 (including retention and turnover rates by state)
- "Why Nursing-Home Staffing Is Crucial to Health," *U.S. News and World Report*, April 13, 2012

House Committee on **County Affairs** (El Paso)

Charge: Population growth in unincorporated areas

- "Demand for Services May Strain County," *San Antonio Express-News*, May 16, 2011
- *County Subdivision Regulation Sourcebook*, Texas Association of Counties, 2010
- "Red Tape, Catch 22s Impede Progress in Texas' Colonias" and "Conditions, Health Risks Sicken Colonias Residents," *Texas Tribune*, July 2011

Charge: County jails

- *County Jail Population Reports*, Texas Commission on Jail Standards, last updated March 1, 2012
- *Public Safety and Cost Control Solutions for Texas County Jails*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, March 2012
- "Minding the Gap," *Denton Record-Chronicle*, March 1, 2012
- *Costly Confinement & Sensible Solutions: Jail Overcrowding in Texas*, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, October 2010
- *Crisis Care Services for Counties: Preventing Individuals with Mental Illnesses from Entering Local Correction Systems*, National Association of Counties, June 2010

Charge: Agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 82nd Legislature, including:

- *Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid 1115 Waiver*