

## Committee Resources

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### House Committee on [Culture, Recreation & Tourism](#)

Charge 1: Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 86th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

- [HB 1300](#) and [HB 2321](#), which relate to the regulation of oyster harvesting and to cultivated oyster mariculture. Monitor the implementation of the cultivated oyster mariculture program, the implementation of increased penalties related to the regulation of oyster harvesting, and the effectiveness of these state laws as related to the protection, conservation, and sustainability of oysters in Texas coastal waters.
- ["Texas Primed to Be Pearl in New Oyster Farming Industry," Texas A&M Today](#), July 17, 2020
- ["Texas Says Shucks, Let's Give Oyster Growing a Try," Pew Charitable Trusts](#), May 21, 2020
- [Action – Oyster Mariculture Rules – Recommended Adoption of Proposed Rules](#), Commission Agenda Item No. 8, Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, May 21, 2020
- [Texas Oyster Aquaculture](#), Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
- [HB 1422](#), which is the Texas Historical Commission (THC) sunset legislation. Monitor the implementation and transfer of certain historical sites from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to the THC, including any additional land acquired by the TPWD and the appropriate coordination with local entities.
- [Operating Budget: Fiscal Year 2020 \(4.F. Part A Budgetary Impacts Related to Recently Enacted State Legislation Schedule – 9. Transfer of Historic Sites to the](#)

Texas Historical Commission), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, December 1, 2019

- [Operating Budget: Fiscal Year 2020 \(4. F. Part A Budgetary Impacts Related to Recently Enacted State Legislation Schedule](#) – 1. Transfer of Historic Sites from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department), Texas Historical Commission, November 25, 2019
- [SB 1511](#), which requires the TPWD to contract with a nonprofit organization for the operation and maintenance of the Battleship "Texas." Monitor the efforts to restore the Battleship "Texas" consistent with state law and historic preservation guidelines.
- ["Battleship Texas Move, Restoration Approved by THC," News & Events](#), Texas Historical Commission, March 25, 2020
- [Battleship Texas Updates](#), Battleship Texas Foundation, updated July 27, 2020
- [100K Transparency Report](#) (Battleship Texas Foundation Inc.), [Contract Reports](#), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- [Battleship Texas State Historic Site](#), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, updated August 31, 2019

Charge 2: Study the impact of the [Capitol Complex Master Plan](#) and ongoing construction as it relates to the operation and management of the [Texas State History Museum](#), specifically its visitor admissions, educational programming, exhibit space, and facility rental. Examine the connectivity of the Capitol Complex Master Plan Mall area to ensure a consistent, dynamic, and sustainable relationship with the [State Preservation Board](#), [Texas State History Museum](#), and [Texas State Capitol](#) in its programming and use. Evaluate the infrastructure needs of the [Texas State Capitol](#) and the [Capitol Visitors Center](#) to ensure the ongoing preservation and operational needs of the historical structures and grounds. (Joint charge with the House Committee on House Administration)

- [State of Texas Capitol Complex](#) (Project overview, FAQs, construction updates, and news), Texas Facilities Commission
- ["Texas Agency Builds on Capitol Concept," Engineering News Record](#), March 30, 2020
- ["The Big Dig: Texas Capitol Complex Project Will Transform City Blocks," KVUE.com](#), March 12, 2020
- ["An Updated Look Inside the Capitol Complex Project," KXAN.com](#), February 24, 2020
- ["San Antonian Mike Novak Leads State's 'Transformational' Capitol Complex Project," Rivard Report](#), November 27, 2019
- ["\\$900M Project Will Reshape Area North of Capitol, Bring Thousands More Workers into Downtown Austin," Austin American-Statesman](#), July 6, 2019

Charge 3: Evaluate the status of the historical marker application process and the production of cast metal historical markers in the state as overseen by the THC. Examine options for future state historical markers, including technology such as laser etching and durable materials other than metal.

- [Apply for a Historical Marker](#), Texas Historical Commission
- [State Historical Markers](#) (Includes research guides, policies, and procedures), Texas Historical Commission
- [Thematic Marker Maps](#), Texas Historical Commission

Charge 4: Study the effectiveness of hunter education courses with regard to hunters and firearm safety in the state. Explore additional firearm safety resources and their potential use by the TPWD to reduce accidental shootings.

- [Hunter Education Requirements – United States – Canada](#), International Hunter Education Association
- [Hunter Education Program: Hunter Education Instructor Manual](#), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, revised May 2019
- [IHEA-USA Hunter Education Standards Recommendations](#) (Submitted by the Standards and Evaluations Committee), International Hunter Education Association, May 2, 2014
- [Texas Hunting Accident Reports](#), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- [Texas Parks and Wildlife Code § 62.014](#), Hunter Education Program

Charge 5: Review the effectiveness of the State Historic Preservation Tax Credit on preserving historic structures and revitalizing Texas communities since the tax credit became effective.

- [Texas Tax Code §§ 171.901-171.909](#), Tax Credit for Certified Rehabilitation of Certified Historic Structures
- [13 Texas Administrative Code §§ 13.1-13.9](#), Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program, Texas Historical Commission
- [Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program](#), Texas Historical Commission
- [Tax Credit for Certified Rehabilitation of Certified Historic Structures](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Charge 6: Monitor the [State Auditor's](#) review of agencies and programs under the

Committee's jurisdiction. The Chair shall seek input and periodic briefings on completed audits for the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years and bring forth pertinent issues for full committee consideration.

## House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Article II

Charge 1: Monitor the agencies and programs under Article II and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation and riders passed by the 86th Legislature. In conducting this oversight, the Subcommittee will also specifically monitor:

- implementation of new funding and full-time equivalent positions for the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Vital Statistics Unit;
- implementation of DSHS Rider 29; evaluate the capacity of immunization programs to prevent, reduce, and eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases in adults and children;
- *Evaluation of Immunization Programs, As Required by the 2018-19 General Appropriations Act, S.B. 1, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (Article II, Department of State Health Services, Rider 38)*, Texas Department of State Health Services, September 2018
- *Reducing Vaccine-Preventable Disease in Texas: Strategies to Increase Vaccine Coverage Levels, As Required By Texas Health and Safety Code, Sections 161.0074 and 161.00706*, Texas Department of State Health Services, September 2018
- fulfillment of requirements in Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Rider 114, including HHSC Office of Inspector General alignment of oversight of managed care organizations;
- *OIG Review of MCO Cost Avoidance and OIG Efforts in Medicaid Managed Care, As Required by the 2020-21 General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 114)*, Office of Inspector General, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, February 28, 2020
- impact of funding and implementation of legislation related to post-permanency services for children exiting the Texas foster care system;
- progress on construction of state hospitals and the capacity of the state hospital system to provide mental health support in all regions across Texas;
- *State Hospital Workforce, As Required by the 2018-19 General Appropriations Act, S.B. 1, 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (Article II, HHSC, Rider 143)*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, August 2018

- impact of funding to increase the base wage for attendant services and additional investments in the wage enhancement programs;
- *Community Attendant Recruitment and Retention Strategies, As Required by Rider 207 of the 2018-19 General Appropriations Act*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, August 2019
- Medicaid cost containment efforts
- *Overview of Cost Drivers and Update on Cost Containment Initiatives* (Presentation to Senate Finance Committee), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, September 11, 2018
- *Fiscal Size-up, 2020-21 Biennium*, Legislative Budget Board, May 2020

Charge 2: Review how Texas is preparing for state and federal budgetary changes that impact the state's health programs, including: the *Family First Prevention Services Act*; the next phase of the *1115 Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Waiver*; Texas' Targeted Opioid Response Grant; the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services proposed Medicaid Fiscal Accountability rule, and the *Healthy Texas Women Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver*.

- *Fiscal Size-up, 2020-21 Biennium*, Legislative Budget Board, May 2020

Charge 3: Review the ability of hospital finance methods, including trauma funding, graduate medical education payments, and supplemental payment programs, to support all hospitals in Texas (including rural and children's hospitals), and the potential impact from state and federal budgetary changes.

- *COVID-19 Federal Funds Earmarked for Hospitals, Providers, and States* (Chart), National Academy for State Health Policy, updated July 24, 2020
- "Governor Abbott, HHSC Secure \$2.67 Billion in Federal Funding for Texas Hospitals" (Press Release), Office of the Texas Governor, July 2, 2020
- *Medicaid: States' Use and Distribution of Supplemental Payments to Hospitals*, United States Government Accountability Office, July 2019
- *EMS & Trauma Care Funding*, Legislative Budget Board, October 2018
- *EMS-Trauma Systems Funding*, Texas Department of State Health Services
- *Graduate Medical Education (GME)*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission
- *Graduate Medical Education Expansion Program*, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

- [Hospital Financing 101: Understanding How Texas Hospitals Get Paid](#), Texas Hospital Association

Charge 4: Monitor the implementation and expansion of Community-Based Care by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

- [DFPS Rider 29 Report on Community-Based Care Implementation Status](#), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, April, 2020
- [Implementation Plan for the Texas Community-Based Care System](#), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, December 2019
- [Community-Based Care](#), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

Charge 5: Examine state investments in the health and brain development of babies and toddlers, including Early Childhood Intervention and other early childhood programs for children in the first three years. Evaluate opportunities to boost child outcomes and achieve longer-term savings.

- ["New Funding for Early Education: New Law Increases Funding for Texas' Youngest Students," Fiscal Notes](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, February 2020
- [Children's Learning Institute: Resources](#), The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- [Early Learning in the United States: 2019](#), Center for American Progress, September 16, 2019
- [Early Learning: Needs Assessment 2019](#), Texas Early Learning Council, 2019
- [Strong Beginnings, Successful Lives: A Prenatal-to-Three Policy Guidebook for Legislators](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, June 2019
- [Early Childhood Education in Texas](#), Texas Education Agency
- [Early Childhood Intervention \(ECI\) Library Collection](#), Texas Health and Human Services
- [Little Texas, Big Futures: Your Early Learning Guide for Infants, Toddlers and Three-Year-Olds](#), Texas Early Learning Council

Charge 6: Examine the financial impact of the multi-state opioid settlements to the state of Texas. Review the amount of money the state may receive to the state treasury under the settlements and any restrictions placed on the use of funds. Determine which programs and services provide the best opportunities for reducing opioid dependence and abuse in the state.

- [Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet](#),



Office of the Attorney General of Texas, May 13, 2020

- [HEALing Communities Study](#), National Institutes of Health, updated March 18, 2020
- [Texas Hospitals and the Opioid Epidemic](#), Texas Hospital Association
- [Texas Targeted Opioid Response](#), Texas Health and Human Services, August 2019
- [Interim Report to the 86th Texas Legislature](#), House Select Committee on Opioids and Substance Abuse, November 2018
- [Opioid Overdose Prevention Toolkit](#), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, June 2018
- [Opioid Task Force](#), Texas A&M University Health Science Center

Charge 7: Monitor the use of funding for the [Alternatives to Abortion](#) program to ensure it is achieving the intended goals and providing access to all eligible recipients in a cost effective manner. Evaluate the use of additional funding provided under [HHSC Rider 80](#), and ensure that awards to the program are made competitively, consistent with all applicable state contracting regulations, and in a manner that provides the greatest access to services. Evaluate HHSC benchmarks used to monitor performance and contract oversight of program providers.

- [Alternatives to Abortion](#), As Required by 2020-21 General Appropriations Act, House Bill 1, 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (Article II, Health and Human Services Commission, Rider 80), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, December 2019