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House Committee on Business & Industry

Charge: Texas businesses' utilization of the Federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit

- *State Savings Under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Program*, Presentation to Executive Committee Task Force on State & Local Taxation, National Conference of State Legislatures, November 20, 2015
- *A Detailed Assessment of the Value of WOTC*, Center for Human Resources, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, April 2013
- *The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)*, Congressional Research Service, February 4, 2013
- *Assessing the Effect of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit*, Center for Human Resources, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 2011
- *Rethinking Work Opportunity: From Tax Credits to Subsidized Job Placements*, Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP), November 2011
- *Work Opportunity Tax Credit: Employers Do Not Appear to Dismiss Employees to Increase Tax Credits* (Includes data from Texas and California), United States General Accounting Office, March 2001

April 26 Top

House Committees on Business & Industry and International Trade & Intergovernmental Affairs (Joint Hearing)

Joint Charge: Manufacturing and trade

- *Texas Manufacturing Outlook Survey: Texas Manufacturing Activity Rebounds in March*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, March 28, 2016
- "New 'Manufacturing Communities Act' Would Spur Broad Manufacturing Renewal," *The Innovations Files*, February 9, 2016
- "Millennials Flocking to San Antonio - Manufacturing Pushing Education," *IndustryWeek*, November 5, 2015
- State Imports for Texas and State Exports from Texas, U.S. Census Bureau, 2015
- Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) and Alamo Manufacturing Partnership, U.S. Economic Development Administration

House Committee on Natural Resources

Charge 4: Seawater desalination

- *DRAFT 2017 State Water Plan: Water for Texas*, Texas Water Development Board, March 3, 2016
- *2014 Biennial Report on Seawater Desalination: The Future of Desalination in Texas*, Texas Water Development Board, December 1, 2014
- Desalination, Desalination Plants Database, Texas Water Development Board
- *Interim Report to the 83rd Legislature* (Charge 3 - Desalination), House Committee on Natural Resources, January 2013

Charge 5: Funds available to Texas in relation to 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill

- Deepwater Horizon (consent decree finalized April 4, 2016, summary, fact sheet), U.S. Department of Justice
- A Comprehensive Restoration Plan for the Gulf of Mexico (final damage assessment, record of decision, fact sheet on the final plan), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- RESTORE the Texas Coast: Coastal Restoration Funding for Texas from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill (list of early restoration efforts in Texas), Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Charge 9: Legislative oversight and monitoring

Senate Committee on Higher Education

Charge: Tuition and student debt, specifically: Texas comparison to peer states, variance between institutions, accountability measures, and increases in tuition since 2003

- "Who's a Better Steward When it Comes to Texas College Costs? Data Show Lawmakers Hiked Tuition Faster Than Schools ," *Dallas Morning News*

(Interactive), April 4, 2016
- *A Guidebook on State Budgeting for Higher Education*, National Association of State Budget Officers, December 2015
- *Trends in College Pricing 2015*, Full Report (PDF), Tuition and Fees by State, College Board, November 2015
- Project on Student Debt: State by State Data, *Student Debt and the Class of 2014*, The Institute for College Access & Success, October 2015
- *Higher Education: State Funding Trends and Policies on Affordability*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, December 2014
- College Affordability and Transparency Center, State Spending Charts, U.S. Department of Education
- Tuition and Fee Data, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform & Relief

Charge: Property tax process

Charge: Tax burden

- Senate Select Committee for Property Tax Reform & Relief, committee information, video/audio archives, documents and downloads, presentations
- Interim Hearings - Week of March 21, 2016, Senate Select Committee Property Tax Reform & Relief, Legislative Reference Library, January 15, 2016

House Select Committee on Mental Health

Mental/behavioral health care services in Texas, including early identification, crisis intervention, access to care, continuity of care, coordination of services related to an integrated system of care, delivery of care in rural, urban, and underserved areas; workforce challenges

- *Behavioral Health Barometer, Texas, 2015*, U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, February 2016
- *Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures: Overview and Funding*, Presented to the House Select Committee on Mental Health, Legislative Budget Board, February 2016
- *State Mental Health Legislation 2015: Trends, Themes & Effective Practices*, National Alliance on Mental Illness, December 2015
- *The Mental Health Workforce Shortage in Texas* (As Required By HB 1023, 83rd Legislature, R.S.), Texas Department of State Health Services, September 2014
- *A Guide to Understanding Mental Health Systems and Services in Texas*, 2nd Edition, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, The University of Texas at Austin,

2014
- *Analysis of the Texas Public Behavioral Health System and Recommendations for System Redesign* (Pursuant to 2012-13 General Appropriations Act, HB 1, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, Article II, Department of State Health Services, Rider 71), Public Consulting Group, Texas Department of State Health Services, June 29 and October 12, 2012

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House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development-S/C on Small Business

Charge: Small business expansion and growth

- *Texas Small Business Profile*, Office of Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration, 2016
- *The 2016 State of Women-Owned Business Report: A Summary of Important Trends 2007-2016* (Summary Tables), Womenable, April 2016
- *Small Business Policy Index 2016: Ranking the States on Policy Measures and Costs Impacting Entrepreneurship and Small Business Growth*, 20th Edition, Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, February 2016
- *The Trans-Pacific Partnership and Small Business: Boosting Exports and Inclusive Growth*, Progressive Policy Institute, November 2015
- *An Agenda for America's Economic Future: Executive Summary*, Small Business Majority, September 10, 2015
- *The 50-State Small Business Regulation Index*, Pacific Research Institute, July 2015
- *Small Business Tax Index 2015: Best to Worst State Tax Systems for Entrepreneurship and Small Business* , Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, April 2015

House Committees on Economic & Small Business Development and Energy Resources (Joint Hearing)

Joint Charge: Impacts of declining price of oil and continuously depressed price of natural gas on the Texas economy and the fiscal implications for the Texas budget

- *Miracle on Ice? What Low Oil Prices Mean for Texas* (Research Report), Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, March 2016
- "Texas Economy Remains Resilient, but Low Oil Prices Loom as Future Risk," *Southwest Economy*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, First Quarter 2016
- "As Oil Prices Plunge, Hegar Asked if Budget Outlook Too Rosy," Standard & Poor's Report, *Collapsing Oil Prices Seep Into State Credit Profiles*, *Texas Tribune*, January 26, 2016
- "Crashing Oil Prices Decimate Texas Boomtowns," *USA Today*, January 21, 2016

- *Texas Economic Outlook: January 2016 – Lower Oil Prices Likely Will Test the Limits of the Texas Miracle*, Economics Group, Wells Fargo Securities, January 6, 2016
- *The 2016-2017 Certification Revenue Estimate*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, October 13, 2015
- "The Response of Employment to Changes in Oil and Gas Exploration Drilling," *Economic Review*, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Second Quarter 2015
- *Effects of Low Oil Prices*, U.S. Energy Information Administration, February 12, 2015
- *Oil Price Drop Will Have Varying Impacts on Municipals; Local Governments Appear Most at Risk*, Nasdaq Inc., January 30, 2015
- *Falling Oil Prices and US Economic Activity: Implications for the Future* (Issue Brief 14-06), Resources for the Future, December 2014

House Select Committee on Emerging Issues In Texas Law Enforcement

Charge 3: Law enforcement training and professional needs

- *Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing* (Pillar 5: Training & Education), U.S. Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Service, May 2015
- Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Center , Texas State University
- Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas
- Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

House Committee on State Affairs

Charge: Human fetal tissue for medical and scientific purposes

- "How Texas' Fetal Tissue Laws Are Helping Researchers Develop a Zika Vaccine," *KUT.org*, April 1, 2016
- "Targeting Fetal Tissue Researchers," *Inside Higher Ed*, March 25, 2016
- Bioethics and Fetal Tissue: Hearing before the Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, House of Representatives, 114th Cong. 1, March 2, 2016
- *Fetal Tissue Research: A Weapon and a Casualty in the War Against Abortion*, Guttmacher Institute, February 9, 2016
- Embryonic and Fetal Research Laws, National Conference of State Legislatures, January 2016
- "The Truth About Fetal Tissue Research," *Nature*, December 7, 2015
- NIH Grants Policy Statement (4.1.14 Human Fetal Tissue Research and 4.1.14.1 Research on Transplantation of Human Fetal Tissue), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, October/November 2015

Charge: State contracting procedures (a revised notice dated 4/18/2016 removed this charge from the agenda)

- State of Texas Contract Management Guide, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Updated March 1, 2016
- "Contract Reform Legislation Headed to Abbott," *Texas Tribune*, June 1, 2015
- *83rd Texas Legislature Interim Report* (Charge 2 - State Contracting), Senate Committee on Government Organization, December 2014
- State Agency Contract Management Procedures, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Senate Bill 20: Centralized State Purchasing Study, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
- Contracts Database and Reporting Information, Legislative Budget Board
- Tribpedia: State Contracts and Contract High (Series on state contracting problems and how the Legislature addressed the issue in 2015), *Texas Tribune*

Charge: Disaster preparedness

- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature* (Charge 1 - Emergency Preparedness), House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety, January 2015
- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature* (Disaster Preparedness) House Committee on Emergency Preparedness, December 2010
- Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety
- Critical Infrastructure Security, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Forms and Publications (Emergency management), Texas Department of Public Safety

Charge: Continued operation of the state government and economy

- *Continuity of Operations Agency Plan*, Texas Department of Public Safety, March 17, 2014
- Continuity of Operations (COOP), Texas Department of Public Safety
- Continuity of Operations Planning and Texas COOP , State Office of Risk Management

House Select Committee on Mental Health

Mental/behavioral health care services in Texas (see April 27)