

Interim Hearings - Week of January 25, 2016

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January 25

Joint Legislative Committee on [Health & Human Services Transition, Oversight](#)

Invited testimony only

January 26

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

Invited testimony on all interim charges

Senate Committee on [Business & Commerce](#)

Charge: Elder financial abuse

- [Financial Crimes Against the Elderly, 2015 Legislation](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, November 20, 2015

- ["Lies, Secrets, and Scams: How to Prevent Elder Abuse,"](#) *Consumer Reports*, November 3, 2015

- ["Why Elder Financial Abuse Is Such A Slippery Crime,"](#) *Forbes*, February 13, 2015

- [Cumulative 2015 Elder Financial Abuse Legislation](#), American Bankers Association, updated as of January 26, 2015

- [The True Link Report on Elder Financial Abuse 2015](#), True Link Financial,

January 2015

- "Protecting the Elderly: Should Montana Provide Civil Cause of Action for Elder Abuse?," *Montana Lawyer*, November 2014

- Georgia Akers, Associate Judge, Harris County Probate Court No. 3, "Elder Abuse, Exploitation and Consumer Scams: Ethical Duties," 2014 CPE by the Sea, Houston TSCPA Foundation and TSCPA CPE Foundation, Inc., Galveston, Texas, June 11-13, 2014

Charge: Collection process of delinquent ad valorem property taxes, role of tax lien transfers

- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature* (Charge 3 - Property tax liens), House Committee on Business and Industry, January 2015

- *Texas Property Tax Law Changes 2015* (Tax Code, Chapter 31, Collections, and Chapter 33, Delinquency), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, August 2015

- *Property Tax Lending Consolidated Volume Report Calendar Year 2014*, Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, June 23, 2015

- "A High Price to Pay: How Property Tax Lenders Prey on the State's Most Vulnerable Homeowners," *Texas Observer*, July 2014

- *Property Tax Lending Study*, Finance Commission of Texas, prepared by Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, August 2012

- *Property Tax Bills* (delinquent tax bill contents, delinquency dates, penalty and interest by type of property tax bill), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Senate Committee on Finance

Topic: Testimony from Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board on impact of oil prices and production on state revenue and the budget

- "Falling Oil Prices Leading to Drop in Texas Road Funding," *Texas Tribune*, January 20, 2016

- *2016 Texas Economic Outlook: Riding the Energy Roller Coaster*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, January 12, 2016

- [Monthly State Revenue Watch](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Updated January 2016
- [The 2016-2017 Certification Revenue Estimate](#), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, October 13, 2015

Charge: Behavioral/mental health services and expenditures across state government

- [A Comparative Analysis of NorthSTAR and Other Behavioral Health Service Delivery Areas](#) (Pursuant to 2014-15 General Appropriations Act, SB 1, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, Article II, Department of State Health Services, Rider 58), Texas Department of State Health Services, February 2015
- [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
- [Texas Behavioral Health Strategic Plan](#), Texas Department of State Health Services, June 2012
- [Comprehensive Analysis of Public Behavioral Health System](#) (Rider 71 report background), Texas Department of State Health Services

Senate Committee on [State Affairs](#)

Charge: Implementation of open carry ([HB 910](#)) and campus carry ([SB 11](#))

- [New Laws for Handgun Licensing Program \(Formerly Known as Concealed Handgun Licensing\), Open Carry and Campus Carry](#), Texas Department of Public Safety

January 27

Senate Committee on [Transportation](#)

Charge: State's Vehicle Inspection Program

- *Texas "Two Steps, One Sticker" Program Starts as a 'Square Dance'*, Texas Association of Counties, April 2, 2015
- *Vehicle Inspection and Two Steps One Sticker*, Texas Department of Public Safety

Charge: Necessity of Driver Responsibility Program

- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature* (Charge 4), House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety, January 2015
- *An Audit Report on Selected Contracts at the Department of Public Safety* (Chapter 3 - Driver Responsibility Program), State Auditor's Office, June 2013
- *Driver Responsibility Program* (Issue Brief), Legislative Budget Board, January 2013
- *Texas State Government Effectiveness and Efficiency: Selected Issues and Recommendations* (Driver Responsibility Program), Legislative Budget Board, January 2007
- *An Audit Report on the Department of Public Safety's Implementation of the Driver Responsibility Program*, State Auditor's Office, July 2005
- *Driver Responsibility Program*, Texas Department of Public Safety

Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform & Relief

Charge: Property tax process

- *Texas State Government Effectiveness and Efficiency: Selected Issues and Recommendations* (Property Appraisals), Legislative Budget Board, January 2015
- *Appraising the Appraisals: Local Values and Property Taxes*, Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, July 2014
- *Interim Charge Recommendations to the 82nd Legislature* (Property Tax System), Senate Committee on Finance, January 2011
- *Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature* (Property Tax Appraisals),

House Committee on Ways & Means, January 2011

- *Interim Report* (Property Tax Appraisal System), Senate Finance Subcommittee on Property Appraisal and Revenue Caps, January 2009
- *Interim Report to the 81st Legislature*, House Select Committee on Property Tax Relief and Appraisal Reform, December 2008
- *Interim Report to the 81st Legislature* (Charge 4), House Committee on Local Government Ways and Means, December 2008
- *Findings and Recommendations: a Report from the Texas Task Force on Appraisal Reform*, Texas Task Force on Appraisal Reform, January 2007
- *Texas Property Tax System*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Charge: Tax burden

- "Lopsided Election Puts Political Target on Property Taxes," *Austin American Statesman*, November 9, 2015
- "Property Tax Relief Comes With Big Cost to State," *Texas Tribune*, October 4, 2015
- *A Brief History of Texas Property Tax Relief Initiatives* (Presentation), Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, May 20, 2008