New & Noteworthy Books and Reports: February 2023

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1. Biennial Revenue Estimate 2024-2025 By Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Projects the available revenue lawmakers have for state programs and services through the remainder of the 2023 fiscal year and the upcoming 2024-25 biennium. Includes summary tables, revenue estimates, fund details (Schedules I-III), and an economic outlook for Texas.

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2023, 99 pages C2600, 3 R322 2024-25

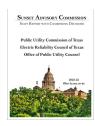


2. Budget 101: A Guide to the Budget Process in Texas By Senate Research Center

Provides a broad overview of the Texas biennial budget process, including the roles of the Legislative Budget Board (LBB), the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA), the State Auditor's Office (SAO), and the Office of the Governor. Highlights how the general appropriations bill moves through the legislative process. Discusses how the budget is administered and the sources of state revenue that fund the budget.

Senate Research Center, 2023, 85 pages

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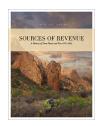


3. Public Utility Commission of Texas, Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Office of Public Utility Counsel: Sunset Staff Report with Commission Decisions

By Sunset Advisory Commission

Presents the Sunset Commission's decisions on statutory recommendations which will form the basis of the Sunset bill for the following entities: Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), and the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC). Includes modifications and new recommendations raised during the public hearing. Notes the Sunset review of these entities was moved up two years to monitor legislative changes made in response to Winter Storm Uri's impact on the Texas electric grid. Sunset Advisory Commission, 2023, 122 pages

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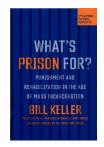


4. Sources of Revenue: A History of State Taxes and Fees in Texas, 1972-2022

By Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Details the history and current status of Texas revenue sources back to 1972. Profiles major state taxes and fees collected by presenting information on when they were enacted as well as their administration, rate and base changes, allocations, and statutory authority. Includes tables of legislative sessions and their associated major tax, fee, revenue-related bills, and taxes that have been repealed or abolished since 1972.

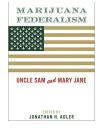
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, 2023, 274 pages C2600. 8 S085 2023



5. What's Prison For? Punishment and Rehabilitation in the Age of Mass Incarceration

By Bill Keller

Examines the American prison system and mass incarceration through the experiences of inmates and corrections officials throughout the nation. Argues for prison reform and supports programs that provide rehabilitative assistance for reintroduction to society. Presents examples and data from U.S. prisons with innovative programs as well as European prison models. Columbia Global Reports, 2022, 159 pages 365 KK29W 2022



6. Marijuana Federalism: Uncle Sam and Mary Jane By Jonathan H. Adler, editor Reviews states' efforts to legalize marijuana across the United States. Examines the relationship between state and federal regulations of marijuana, including issues that arise when state and federal policies differ. Addresses the effects that different policies and laws have on areas such as law enforcement and banking. Provides a brief review of cannabis support in Texas during the 2018 elections. Brookings Institution Press, 2020, 195 pages 362. 29 AD237M 2020