

Interim Hearings - Week of July 9, 2012

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Week of July 9th

July 9th

House Committee on [Appropriations - Subcommittee on Articles VI, VII, & VIII](#)

Charge: Dedicated accounts in the state budget

- ["Hard-Up Defendants Pay as State Siphons Court Fees for Unrelated Uses,"](#) *Austin American-Statesman*, March 3, 2012
- ["Texas Victims Fund May Require Rescuing,"](#) *Houston Chronicle*, April 10, 2012
- [Report on Use of General Revenue Dedicated Accounts, 82nd Legislature](#), Texas Comptroller, last revised September 27, 2011
- ["State's Budget Relies on Diversion,"](#) *San Antonio Express-News*, August 9, 2009

House Committees on [Appropriations - Subcommittee on Articles VI, VII, & VIII](#) and [Transportation](#) [Joint Hearing]

Charge: Transportation funding reforms, options to eliminate "diversions" from Fund 6 (state highway fund)

- [Transportation Funding and Finance](#), National Conference of State Legislatures
- [Major State Transportation Legislation, 2011](#) (see Funding and Finance category), National Conference of State Legislatures, May 2012
- [Federal Financing of Transportation in Texas](#), Legislative Budget Board, March 2012
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature](#) (Funding), House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, January 2011
- [Interim Report to the 82nd Legislature](#) (Charge 6), Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security, February 2011

Senate Committee on [Finance](#)

Charge: Correctional health care system

- [Audit Reports on Correctional Managed Health Care at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center](#), State Auditor's Office, February 2011
- [The Cost of Correctional Health Care: A Correctional Institution Inspection Committee Summary of Ohio's Prison Health Care System](#) (includes comparison of 2009 prison health care spending in California, Florida, Georgia, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas), Ohio Correctional Institution Inspection Committee, December 15, 2010
- [Texas Correctional Managed Health Care Committee](#)

July 10th

House Committees on [Appropriations - Subcommittee on Articles VI, VII, & VIII](#) and [Environmental Regulation](#) [Joint Hearing]

Charge: Effectiveness of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)

- *An Audit Report on the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Program at the Commission on Environmental Quality*, State Auditor's Office, December 2010
- *TERP Biennial Report to the Texas Legislature*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, December 2010
- *Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)*, including summary reports on projects funded to date, by emission source and area, August 30, 2011 and *What is the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)?*, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

House Committees on *State Affairs* and *Technology* [Joint Hearing]

Charge: Cloud computing

- *Capitals in the Clouds: The Case for Cloud Computing in State Government* (white papers), National Association of State Chief Information Officers
 - *Part I – Definitions and Principles*, June 2011
 - *Part II – Challenges and Opportunities to Get Your Data Right*, October 2011
 - *Part III – Recommendations for Mitigating Risks: Jurisdictional, Contracting and Service Levels*, December 2011
 - *Part IV – Cloud Security: On Mission and Means*, May 2012
- *The Cloud Imperative: Better Collaboration, Better Service, Better Cost: A Comprehensive Guide for Best Practices in Cloud Computing for State and Local Governments*, Tech America Foundation's State & Local Government Cloud Commission, February 2012
- *Cloud Computing in Vermont State Government: Analysis of Opportunities*, Vermont Legislative Director of Information Technology and State CIO, 2010

House Committee on *State Affairs*

Charge: Monitor agencies and programs under jurisdiction, including implementation of *SB 1048* regarding public-private partnerships on state-owned property

Senate Committee on *Agriculture & Rural Affairs*

Charge: Land use and market trends in Texas agriculture

- *"Aging Threatens Texas Farms, Ranches," San Antonio Express-News*, June 2, 2012
- *Texas Rural Land Value Trends*, American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers, April 2012
- *A Decade of Change in Texas Agriculture*, Texas A&M, October 2009

Charge: Veterinary medical workforce

- *"Shortage of Rural Vets in Texas Creates a Challenge," Texas Tribune*, April 1, 2012
- *State Veterinary Loan Repayment Programs*, American Veterinary Medical Association, updated April 2011
- *Projecting the Need for Veterinary Medical Education in Texas*, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, January 2009

Charge: Horse slaughter facilities

- *"Activists Say Horse-Slaughter Plants Face a Rough Ride," USA Today*, June 16, 2012
- *"Texas Mayor Paula Bacon Kicks Some Horse Slaughter Tail," Forbes*, January 10, 2012
- *"Emotional Issue of Slaughtering Horses Returns," San Antonio Express-News*, December 22, 2011
- *Horse Welfare: Action Needed to Address Unintended Consequences from Cessation of Domestic Slaughter*, Government Accountability Office, June 22, 2011

Senate Committee on [Business & Commerce](#) (see the [committee's blog](#) for more information)

Topic: Quarterly updates from selected state agencies and entities

Charge: Relationship between cities and municipally-owned utilities

- [Austin Energy Rate Review, Draft Annual Performance Report 2011](#), Austin Energy, June 2012
- [CPS Energy 2010/2011 Annual Report](#), CPS Energy
- [ERCOT - Municipal members list](#)
- ["'Green' Municipalities Cut Ties with Utilities,"](#) *Governing*, May 2012

Charge: ERCOT generation protocols, grid reliability and electricity rates

- [Annual Energy Outlook 2012](#), U.S. Energy Information Administration, June 25, 2012
- [ERCOT Investment Incentives and Resource Adequacy](#), The Brattle Group/ERCOT, June 1, 2012
- [Report on the Capacity, Demand, and Reserves in the ERCOT Region](#), ERCOT, May 22, 2012
- [Texas Electricity Profile 2010](#), U.S. Energy Information Administration, January 30, 2012

Charge: Homeowners insurance market

- [Texas Homeowners Insurance Policy Comparison Report to the 82nd Texas Legislature as Required by Senate Bill 1 \(81st Legislature, 2009\)](#), Texas Department of Insurance, January 2011
- ["Texas Homeowners Pay Highest Insurance Premiums for Second Year in a Row"](#) (including table of the 10 states with the highest average premium for homeowners insurance in 2009), *Dallas Morning News*, January 10, 2012

July 11th

House Committees on [Government Efficiency & Reform](#) and [State Affairs](#) [Joint Hearing]

Charge: Privatization of state services

- [Annual Privatization Report 2011](#), Reason Foundation, May 2012
- [Facts & Issues: Privatization](#), League of Women Voters of Houston, February 2012
- [Report on Privatization of a State Mental Health Hospital](#), Texas Department of State Health Services, January 12, 2012
- ["Lawmakers Chafe as Push Continues to Privatize Prison Health Care,"](#) *Austin American-Statesman*, April 30, 2011

Charge: State agency rulemaking

- [Bureaucratic Barbed Wire: How Occupational Licensing Fences Out Texas Entrepreneurs](#), Institute for Justice Texas Chapter, October 2009
- ["Groups Find Fault with Standards for Licensed Breeders,"](#) *Texas Tribune*, March 30, 2012
- [52 Experiments with Regulatory Review: The Political and Economic Inputs into State Rulemakings](#), Institute for Policy Integrity, November 2010
- [Time for Regulatory Transparency](#), Texas Public Policy Foundation, May 2009

House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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Charge: Transparency in asbestos bankruptcy trusts and litigation

Charge: Asbestos and silica multidistrict litigation

- *Asbestos Injury Compensation: The Role and Administration of Asbestos Trusts*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, September 2011
- *Interim Hearings - Week of February 6, 2012*, Legislative Reference Library, January 30, 2012
- "Louisiana Stops Bill Aimed at Protecting Asbestos Manufacturers," Asbestos.com, May 31, 2012

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Charge: Monitor agencies under jurisdiction, testimony from agencies

House Committee on Government Efficiency & Reform (*work session*)

July 12th

House Committee on *Appropriations - Subcommittee on Article II*

Charge: Mental health services infrastructure and funding

- *Mental Health: A Survey of State-Funded Delivery*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, November 2011
- *Texas 82nd Legislative Session: Summary of Mental Health-Related Legislation* (including mental health funding chart and mental health budget riders), Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, The University of Texas at Austin, August 2011

Topic: Disproportionate Share Hospital Program

House Committee on *Government Efficiency & Reform*

Charge: Purchasing cooperatives created under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, including the bid process and the role of inter-local contracts

- *Cooperative Purchasing*, Texas Association of Counties
- "Cooperative Purchasing," *Texas County Progress*, December 1, 2011
- *Model Purchasing Manual for Texas Cities and Counties 2010*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, November 22, 2010