Interim Hearings – Week of August 27, 2018

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Senate Committee on Transportation

Charge: Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

- Interim Hearings – Week of April 23, 2018, Senate Committee on Transportation, April 24, Legislative Reference Library, April 16, 2018
- Unified Transportation Program - Public Involvement, Texas Department of Transportation

Charge: Toll road penalties

- "TxDOT to Forgive $1.3 Billion in Unpaid Toll Fees and Fines," *Austin American*

Statesman, April 19, 2018
- "As Texas Slashes Tollway Fines, Houston Drivers are Faced with Two-Tier System," *Houston Chronicle*, March 14, 2018
- "Why Toll Fees Remain Uncapped on Some Central Texas Roads," *Austin American Statesman*, Updated March 5, 2018
- "Austin Toll Agency Says New Paxton Opinion on Fee Cap Doesn't Apply," *Austin American Statesman*, February 26, 2018
- *Texas Attorney General Opinion No. KP-0184* (Extent to which the administrative fee provisions of subsection 228.0547(b) of the Transportation Code apply to an entity operating a toll lane pursuant to subsection 228.007(b) of the Transportation Code), February 26, 2018

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Senate Committee on Administration

Charge: Programmatic budget structure for legislative agencies

Charge: Legislative agency report review, fiscal note and government efficiency report process

- *Guide to Fiscal Notes: Instructions for Legislative Committees: Following the Legislative and Fiscal Notes Processes and Using the Fiscal Notes System*, Legislative Budget Board, January 2017
- "The Fiscal Noting Process: Doing the Math on New Legislation," *Fiscal Notes*, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, December 2016/January 2017
- *Interim Report: Sixty-Fifth Legislative Session* (Charge 2, Report of the Subcommittee on Fiscal Notes), House Committee on Appropriations, October 1976
- Performance Audits and Evaluations (LBB Staff Reports, Government Effectiveness and Efficiency Report), Legislative Budget Board

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Joint Legislative Committee on Aging

Charge: Access to care and veterans

- *Texans' Experience with Health Care Affordability and Access*, Kaiser Family Foundation, July 2018
- *Veterans Choice Program: Improvements Needed to Address Access-Related Challenges as VA Plans Consolidation of Its Community Care Programs (GAO-18-281)*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, June 2018
- *Older Veteran Behavioral Health Resource Inventory*, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, May 4, 2018
- *Front of the Line Veterans Policy (Bicentennial Blueprint, Framing Our Future)*, Governor Greg Abbott, November 2017
- *Improving Access to Care in Rural and Underserved Communities: State Workforce Strategies*, National Conference of State Legislatures, August 2017
- Elderly Veterans, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- *Human Resources Code §§ 102.001-102.005*, Rights of the Elderly

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Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

Charge: Implementation of legislation to deregulate occupational licensing

- *TDLR 2019-2023 Strategic Plan* (Recommendations and resulting legislation), Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation, Texas Commission of Licensing & Regulation, June 8, 2018
- *Implementation Report Senate Bill 202, Article 1* (Transition plan, 84th Leg.), Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, December 2017
- *Results of the 85th Texas Legislature for TDLR* (Overview, deregulation), Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature* (Charge 1 – Occupational licensure), Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, November 2016
- *A Bold Direction for Tomorrow's Texas: Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation* (Handout), House Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee, August 23, 2016
- *Reforming Occupational Licensing Polices*, The Hamilton Project (Brookings), January 2015

Charge: Occupational licensing and fees

- *Too Much License? A Closer Look at Occupational Licensing and Economic Mobility*, Archbridge Institute, April 2018
- *The State of Occupational Licensing: Research, State Policies and Trends*, National Conference of State Legislatures, October 11, 2017
- *License to Work: A National Study of Burdens from Occupational Licensing*, 2nd Edition, Institute For Justice, November 2017
- *Occupational Regulation in Texas: Occupational Licenses and Statutory Penalties for Violations Relating to Occupational Licenses* (FY 07 revenue from fees), Texas Legislative Council, October 2008

Charge: Social media access – digital assets of decedents, social media privacy laws

- *State Social Media Privacy Laws*, National Conference of State Legislatures, January 2, 2018
- *Access to Digital Assets of Decedents*, National Conference of State Legislatures, October 2, 2017
- "The New Uniform Digital Assets Law: Estate Planning and Administration in the Information Age," 52 *Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Journal* 51 (Spring 2017)
- "Posthumous Privacy, Decedent Intent, and Post-Mortem Access to Digital Assets," 24 *George Mason Law Review* 183 (2016)
- "Policing Social Media: Balancing the Interests of Schools and Students and Providing Universal Protection for Students' Rights," 121 *Penn State Law Review* 583 (2016)
- "Social Media and the Job Market: How to Reconcile Applicant Privacy with Employer Needs," 48 *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform* 503 (Winter 2015)
- *Teens, Social Media, and Privacy*, Pew Research Center, Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University, May 21, 2013

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House Committees on Corrections and Criminal Jurisprudence (Joint Hearing)

Charge: Texas state jail system, including its original intent, sentencing guidelines, effectiveness, and recidivism rates

- *Overview of Criminal Justice Correctional Population Projections, Recidivism Rates, and Costs Per Day* (Presented at the House Committee on Corrections Hearing), Legislative Budget Board, February 2017
- *Statewide Criminal and Juvenile Justice Recidivism and Revocation Rates*, Legislative Budget Board, January 2017
- *Fiscal Year 2016 Statistical Report*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 2016
- *Putting "Corrections" Back in State Jails: How to Reform Texas' Expensive, Ineffective State Jail System*, Texas Public Policy Foundation, November 2012
- *Interim Report to the 81st Texas Legislature* (Charge 3 – State jail system), House Committee on Corrections, January 2009

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House Committee on Corrections (after adjournment of 10:30 AM joint hearing)

Charge 3: Current Texas criminal justice system policies and practices regarding 17- to 25- year-olds, specific to probation, parole, state jail confinement, and discharge from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice or county jail; causes of recidivism

- *Cognitive Behavioral Theory, Young Adults, and Community Corrections: Pathways for Innovation*, Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management, Harvard Kennedy School, April 2018
- *Overview of Criminal Justice Correctional Population Projections, Recidivism Rates, and Costs Per Day* (Presented at the House Committee on Corrections Hearing), Legislative Budget Board, February 2017
- *Statewide Criminal and Juvenile Justice Recidivism and Revocation Rates*, Legislative Budget Board, January 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Texas Legislature* (Charge 2 – Recidivism), House Committee on Corrections, December 2016
- "Getting Young Adults Back on Track: Tailoring Justice System Approaches to a Population at a Crossroads," *Capitol Ideas*, September/October 2016
- *Fiscal Year 2016 Statistical Report*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 2016
- *Reducing Recidivism and Improving Other Outcomes for Young Adults in the Juvenile and Adult Criminal Justice Systems*, The Council of State Governments Justice Center, November 2015
- *Community-Based Responses to Justice-Involved Young Adults*, New Thinking in Community Corrections Bulletin, National Institute of Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, September 2015

Charge 6: Texas Department of Criminal Justice policies and protocols to prevent the spread of infectious diseases

- "Infection Prevention Protocols Keep Illness at Bay in TDCJ's Correctional Facilities," *Criminal Justice Connections*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, November/December 2017
- *Interim Report to the 81st Legislature* (Charge 4 – TDCJ programs, Control and containment of infectious diseases), Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, December 2008
- Correctional Managed Health Care Infection Control Policy Manual, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Charge 7: Board of Pardons and Paroles and parole panel determination of an inmate's risk of recidivism; GPS technology to monitor offenders

- *Parole Guidelines Annual Report FY 2017*, Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, January 2018
- Policies – Parole Division, Policy and Operating Procedures PD/POP-3.5.1, Electronic Monitoring Program, February 17, 2011, and PD/POP-3.15.10, Global Positioning System (GPS) Monitoring, July 1, 2003, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

- Parole Division, Contract Information – Electronic Monitoring, Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Charge 8: Texas prison system heat-related litigation; Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) compliance within Texas state and county criminal justice facilities

- *Related court documents, Keith Cole et al. v. Bryan Collier et al.* (Extreme heat in Wallace Unit prison), U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, Case 4:14-cv-01698, Legislative Reference Library
- *Safe Prisons/Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Program: Calendar Year 2016*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, PREA Ombudsman, Office of Inspector General, July 2017
- Letter to U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch regarding compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act, Governor Greg Abbott, May 15, 2015
- Texas Board of Criminal Justice, Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Ombudsman, Texas Department of Criminal Justice
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA), Texas Juvenile Justice Department

Charge 9: Monitor agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature

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House Committee on Human Services (Edinburg)

Charge 2: History and any future roll-out of Medicaid managed care in Texas

- "Remodeling Medicaid," *Texas Medicine*, July 2018
- *Managed Care: Contract Oversight and Monitoring* (Presentation to House Human Services Committee), Texas Health and Human Services Commission, June 20, 2018
- *Medicaid Managed Care in Texas* (Presented to the House Committees on General Investigations and Ethics and Appropriations Subcommittee), Legislative Budget Board, June 2018
- *Implications of the ACA Medicaid Expansion: A Look at the Data and Evidence*, Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, May 2018
- *Texas Medicaid and CHIP in Perspective (11th Edition)*, Texas Health and Human Services Commission, February 2017
- *Summary of Activities: Quality, Timeliness, and Access to Health Care for Texas Medicaid and CHIP Recipients*, Texas Health and Human Services, 2017
- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Expansion of Managed Care, Texas Health and Human Services

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Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security

Charge: Border security - law enforcement, public safety partnerships

- Delegation of Immigration Authority Section 287(g) Immigration and Nationality Act, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Last reviewed/updated August 10, 2018
- *Border Security and Immigration: Initial Executive Order Actions and Resource Implications* (Federal-State Agreements), U.S. Government Accountability Office, June 2018
- *U.S. Immigration: A Primer for State Policymakers* (Immigration Enforcement and States), National Conference of State Legislatures, June 2018
- Updated Facts on ICE's 287(g) Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Last reviewed/updated January 10, 2018
- *Agency Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2017 to 2021*, Texas Department of Public Safety, 2017
- *Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan 2015-2020*, Texas Office of Homeland Security, September 30, 2015

Charge: Border - invasive species

- *Environmental Assessment: Supporting the Mechanical Control of Carrizo Cane in the Rio Grande Basin in Texas* (Final), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, December 2016
- *Improving Border Security and Restoring Ecosystem Function of the Rio Grande Through Invasive Species Control*, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, October 14, 2016
- "New Effort to Wipe Out Carrizo Cane Reignites Environmental Debate," *Texas Tribune*, April 5, 2016
- Rio Grande Carrizo Cane Eradication Program, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
- *31 Texas Administrative Code §§ 530.1-530.7*, Carrizo Cane Eradication Program

Charge: Monitoring

- SB 27 by Campbell, 85th Legislature, R.S., relating to the mental health program for veterans;
- SB 277 by Campbell, 85th Legislature, R.S., relating to ad valorem tax incentives for wind-powered energy devices near military aviation facilities; and

- SB 389 by Rodriguez, 84th Legislature, R.S., relating to the addition of military occupational specialty codes on state agency employment listings.

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House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

Charge 1: Impact of Hurricane Harvey on the Texas criminal justice system

- *Hurricane Harvey Update: Information Regarding Status of Bureau Facilities and Hurricane Relief Efforts*, Federal Bureau of Prisons, September 11, 2017
- "Harvey Deals Costly Blow to Local Criminal Justice System," *Houston Chronicle*, September 5, 2017

- *Criminal Justice Connections Newsletter*, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Volume 25, Issue 1, September/October 2017

Charge 7: Office of Court Administration work on pre-trial risk assessment tools for the Texas judiciary; implementation of legislation regarding imposition of fines, fees, and court costs in criminal courts

- *Criminal Court Costs in effect as of January 1, 2018*, Texas Judicial Council Office of Court Administration, April 2018
- *Liberty and Justice: Pretrial Practices in Texas*, Texas Indigent Defense Commission / Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute, March 2017
- *Criminal Justice Committee Report and Recommendations: Pretrial Decision-Making Practices*, Texas Judicial Council, October 2016
- *Risk, Not Resources: Improving the Pretrial Release Process in Texas*, Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, June 2016
- *Study of the Necessity of Certain Court Costs and Fees in Texas*, Texas Judicial Council Office of Court Administration, September 1, 2014
- *Bail and Pretrial Release: Summary of Recent Research on What Works*, Texas Appleseed
- Criminal Court Costs (Historical Charts), Texas Judicial Council Office of Court Administration
- *Legislative Recommendations on Pretrial Release*, Texas Judicial Council Office of Court Administration
- *Recent Texas Cases that have Ruled Court Costs Unconstitutional*, Texas Judicial Council Office of Court Administration

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