

Interim Hearings – Week of February 19, 2018

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February 20

House Committee on [Appropriations, Subcommittee on Disaster Impact and Recovery](#) (Victoria)

Charge: Use of federal funds in response to Hurricane Harvey, federal funds and investment in infrastructure projects to reduce impact of future natural disasters

- [Updated Hurricane Harvey's Fiscal Impact on State Agencies](#), (Presented to Senate Finance Committee), Legislative Budget Board, January 30, 2018
- [State of Texas Plan for Disaster Recovery: Hurricane Harvey](#) (Final draft plan), Texas General Land Office, Community Development & Revitalization Program, January 18, 2018
- [Hearing Materials](#), House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Disaster Impact and Recovery (Beaumont), January 12, 2018
- [Interim Hearings – Week of January 8, 2018](#), House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Disaster Impact and Recovery (Beaumont), Legislative Reference Library, January 3, 2018

Senate Committee on [Finance](#)

Charge: Property tax on business personal property and current \$500 exemption

- [The Property Tax in Texas](#), Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, February 2017
- [A Tale of Two Tax Systems: The High \(Business\) Tax Cost of Texas](#), Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, January 2015
- [States Moving Away from Taxes on Tangible Personal Property, State Tangible Personal Property Tax Statutory References for Tax Foundation Background Paper 63](#) (Appendix), Tax Foundation, October 2012
- [The Texas Property Tax System](#) (Taxable Property: Personal Property), Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, July 2011

Charge: Interest rate disparity in delinquent property and state taxes, compared to property and state tax refunds

- *Report to the 85th Legislature* (Charge 6 – Delinquent tax collection, tax lien transfers, and interest rates), Senate Committee on Business and Commerce, November 2016
- *Interim Report to the 84th Legislature* (Charge 2 – Existing lien laws, property tax liens and interest rates), House Committee on Business and Industry, January 2015

Charge: Monitor implementation of sporting goods sales tax and state and local park needs

- *Sporting Goods Sales Tax Allocation* (Issue Brief), Legislative Budget Board, May 2016
- *Interim Report to the 83rd Texas Legislature* (Charge 3 – State park funding, sporting goods sales tax), House Committee on Culture, Recreation, & Tourism, January 2013
- *Interim Report to the 81st Legislature*, Joint Legislative Task Force on Use of Sales Tax on Sporting Goods (Created by [HB 12](#), 80th Legislature, R. S.), February 2009
- *Texas Parks and Wildlife Funding: Park Funding in Texas — from Cigarettes to Sporting Goods* (Legislative history), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Topic: Hurricane Harvey relief and recovery

- *A Storm to Remember: Hurricane Harvey and the Texas Economy*, *Fiscal Notes* (Special Edition), Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, February 2018
- *Updated Hurricane Harvey's Fiscal Impact on State Agencies* (Presented to Senate Finance Committee), Legislative Budget Board, January 2018
- *Hurricane Harvey: Fiscal Analyses and Resources* (Agency expenditures, projected costs, contracts, and disaster related transfers), Legislative Budget Board

February 21

House Committee on [Agriculture & Livestock](#)

Charge: Early detection of exotic invasive organisms that could threaten the production of agricultural crops

- *Safeguarding America's Lands and Waters from Invasive Species: A National*

Framework for Early Detection and Rapid Response, The U.S. Department of the Interior, 2016

- *Early Detection/Rapid Response*, Texas Invasive Species Institute
- *Texasinvasives.org*
- *Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System (Status of Invasive - Texas)*, The University of Georgia - Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health
- *Manager's Tool Kit – Early Detection and Rapid Response*, National Invasive Species Information Center, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Senate Committee on *State Affairs*

Charge: Implementation of *SB 24* and *HB 555*, 85th Legislature, R. S., religious freedom

- *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature* (Charge 1 – Religious liberty), Senate Committee on State Affairs, November 2016

Charge: Attorney General's jurisdiction on abortion and multi-jurisdictional human trafficking cases

Senate Committee on *Transportation*

Charge: Funding opportunities for Texas ports

- *"Ports Could Benefit From Proposed Loan Program," Houston Chronicle*, April 4, 2017
- *"Provide State Funding for Seaport Capital Improvements," Legislative Budget Board Staff Reports*, Legislative Budget Board, January 2017
- *Interim Report to the 85th Legislature*, Senate Select Committee on Texas Ports, November 2016
- *Texas Ports 2017-2018 Capital Program: Project Summaries*, Port Authority Advisory Committee, November 2016
- *Texas Port Report June 2014* (Section 4 – Port Finance), Texas Department of Transportation, June 23, 2015
- *Survey of State Funding Practices for Coastal Port Infrastructure: Final Report*, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, May 2015
- *Texas Transportation Code §§ 55.001-55.009*, Funding of Port Security, Projects, and Studies
- *Texas Transportation Code §§ 56.001-56.003*, Funding of Ship Channel Improvements

Charge: Human smuggling

- *Interim Report to the 83rd Legislature*, Joint Interim Committee to Study Human Trafficking, January 2013
- *Texas Penal Code §§ 20.05-20.06*, Smuggling of Persons, Continuous Smuggling of Persons

Charge: Highway naming

- *Interim Report to the 80th Legislature* (Charge 5 – Naming state highways, *Appendices to Charge 5*), Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, December 2006
- *Texas Transportation Code §§ 225.001-225.006*, State Highway Names in General
- *43 Texas Administrative Code § 25.9*, Memorial Designated Highways and Historical Routes

Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Formula Funding

Topic: Improvements to the current formula funding system for institutions of higher education

- *The Federal-State Higher Education Partnership: How States Manage Their Roles*, Urban Institute, May 2017
- *Ten Year Formula Funding History* (Fund Distribution, Appropriations by Institution), Legislative Budget Board, October 2016
- *Financing Public Higher Education in Texas: Legislative Primer*, Legislative Budget Board, August 2016
- *Why Performance-Based College Funding Doesn't Work*, The Century Foundation, May 25, 2016
- *Overview of Funding Formulas for Institutions of Higher Education* (Presented to Senate Higher Education Committee), Legislative Budget Board, May 2016
- *Performance-Based Funding for Higher Education*, National Conference of State Legislatures, July 31, 2015
- *Formula Funding* (Formula Advisory Committee Meeting Materials), Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

February 22

Senate Select Committee on Election Security

Charge: Voting security protocols, responsibilities and duties of Electoral College, voting fraud and disenfranchisement occurring inside nursing homes and assisted living facilities, outside interference and manipulation of elections

- [Letter to Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Election Integrity](#), regarding issues related to interim charges on election integrity, Attorney General of Texas, February 5, 2018
- [Election Security: State Policies](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, December 11, 2017
- [State Laws on Presidential Electors](#), National Association of Secretaries of State, November 2016
- [The Electoral College](#), National Conference of State Legislatures, August 22, 2016