

Interim Hearings – Weeks of March 31 and April 7, 2014

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April 3rd

House Committee on [Economic & Small Business Development](#)

Charge: Venture capital investment

- ["Funding Roars Back in Texas,"](#) *Dallas Morning News*, March 2, 2014
- [State Economic Development Legislation Database](#) (See topic Tax Credits & Incentives-Venture Capital & Angel Investment), National Conference of State Legislatures
- [PricewaterhouseCoopers / National Venture Capital Association MoneyTree™ Report based on data from Thomson Reuters – Q4 and full year 2013,](#) PricewaterhouseCoopers, January 2014
- [Venture Capital Trends by State, Industry](#) (Infographic), Entrepreneur, October 9, 2013
- ["New Kid on Investment Block Seeds Dozen Startups, Looks to Raise up to \\$50 Million"](#) (Includes Texas venture capital investments graphs), *Dallas Morning News*, October 2013
- ["America's Leading Metros for Venture Capital"](#) (Maps), *The Atlantic Cities*, June 17, 2013
- ["Texas Venture Capital Market 'Weak,' But Still Shows Promise,"](#) *Xconomy*, May 22, 2013
- [Information and Observations on State Venture Capital Programs](#), Report for the U.S. Department of the Treasury and Interested Parties in the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), Cromwell Schmisser LLC, February 2013

April 7th

House Committee on [Public Health](#)

Charge #1: Nonmedical prescription drug abuse

- ["From pain pills to heroin: more North Texas women getting hooked,"](#) KERA, December 9, 2013

- *2103 National Drug Threat Assessment Summary*, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, November 2013
- *Prescription Drug Abuse: Strategies to Stop the Epidemic - Texas Report*, Trust for America's Health, October 7, 2013
- "More than 30 arrested in El Paso prescription drug fraud case," *El Paso Times*, September 18, 2013
- *Substance Abuse Trends in Texas: June 2013*, University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work, July 4, 2013
- *Partnership Attitude Tracking Study: Teens and Parents*, Drugfree.org, April 23, 2013
- *Prescription Drug Overdose: State Laws*, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, updated July 11, 2012

Charge #5: State immunization registry; pertussis cases

- *ImmTrac Texas Immunization Registry*, Texas Department of State Health Services, last updated March 27, 2014
- *Infectious Disease Control: Pertussis*, Texas Department of State Health Services, last updated March 17, 2014
- "Whooping cough cases soared in Dallas County last year," *Dallas Morning News*, February 19, 2014
- "Is Texas a hotspot for outbreaks of vaccine-preventable disease?", *Forbes*, September 9, 2013
- "Outbreaks make a case for vaccinations," *Texas Tribune/The New York Times*, September 7, 2013

Senate Committee on *Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security*

Charge: Border security and illegal immigration

- *Immigration: America's Demographic Edge*, Bipartisan Policy Center, January 2014
- *Gone to Texas: Immigration and the Transformation of the Texas Economy*, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, November 2013
- *The State of the Border Report: A Comprehensive Analysis of the U.S.-Mexico Border*, The Wilson Center, May 2013
- *Southwest Border Security: Data Are Limited and Concerns Vary About Spillover Crime Along the Southwest Border (GAO-13-175)*, U.S. Government Accountability Office, February 2013

Charge: Crime statistics reporting in Texas, including border crime

- *Crime in Texas (The Texas Crime Report for 1999-2012)*, Texas Department of Public Safety

Charge: Second Amendment and open carry

- "Open Carry for All: *Heller* and Our Nineteenth-Century Second Amendment," Jonathan Meltzer, *Yale Law Journal*, March 2014

April 10th

House Committee on **Economic & Small Business Development**

Charge: Public-private partnerships

- "Testimony: Public-Private Partnerships for Highway Projects," Joseph Kile, Congressional Budget Office, March 5, 2014
- "Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation: A Toolkit for Legislators," National Conference of State Legislatures, February 2014 update
- "Public-Private Partnerships Are Popular, But Are They Practical?" Ryan Holeywell, *Governing*, November 2013
- "Why Isn't the U.S. Better at Public-Private Partnerships?" Ryan Holeywell, *Governing*, February 2013
- *Public-Private Partnerships to Revamp U.S. Infrastructure*, Brookings Institution, February 2011

House Committee on **Elections**

Charge: Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

- *HAVA Funding*, Texas Secretary of State
- *The Help America Vote Act and Election Administration: Overview and Issues*, Congressional Research Service, March 12, 2014
- "Hurdles remain for disabled to vote in Texas, advocates say," *Dallas Morning News*, October 27, 2012
- *Administration of Payments Received Under the Help America Vote Act by the Texas Secretary of State*, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, August 2011

Charge: Interstate Voter Crosscheck Program

- "Here's how to clean up messy voter rolls," *Washington Post*, November 3, 2013

- *Democratic Party of Virginia v. Virginia State Board of Elections*, [Complaint](#) (October 1, 2013), [Amicus brief of Judicial Watch](#) (October 16, 2013) and [Memorandum opinion](#) (October 21, 2013)
- "Oklahoma part of growing voter fraud program," NewsOK, August 24, 2013
- *Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program*, National Association of State Election Directors, January 26, 2013
- *Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program Interactive Map*, Arizona State University, current through 2012

Charge: MOVE Act

- "Time lag could shape runoff races," *Texas Tribune*, March 12, 2014
- *The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act: Overview and Issues*, Congressional Research Service, January 13, 2014
- *The American Voting Experience: Report and Recommendations*, Presidential Commission on Election Administration, January 2014
- *Voting by Overseas Citizens and Deployed Military Personnel*, Caltech/MT Voting Technology Project, June 2013