

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: International Trade & Intergovernmental Affairs

TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Friday, November 14, 2014

PLACE: 111 East Loop North, Houston, TX 77029

CHAIR: Rep. Rafael Anchia

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The committee will meet at the Port of Houston Authority (4th Floor of the Executive Office Building) to take invited testimony only on the topic of international trade at our maritime ports and along our coastal waterways.

The following interim charges will be discussed:

#1: Examine opportunities and innovations to increase international trade and investment in Texas. Review state and federal regulations to determine what can be done to ease tariff and non-tariff barriers in order to maximize trade flow.

#2: Study options to improve the physical infrastructure that facilitates international trade, considering both state and local investment opportunities.

#3: Quantify the impact of commercial ship traffic on smaller coastal waterways and find creative, pro-growth solutions that will allow all Texans to the Gulf of Mexico.

The agenda will be made available at the hearing.

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