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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Economic Development
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Monday, September 22, 2014
PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Bob Deuell

The Committee will hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

- Study current legislative and regulatory barriers that could impede capital investment, growth, and expansion of Texas businesses. Make recommendations for reducing barriers to entry for professions regulated by Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, including deregulation, additional reciprocity, and credit for military service.
- Study and make recommendations to develop a biennial state review process for economic development programs to determine their effectiveness in keeping Texas economically competitive while ensuring taxpayer dollars are used wisely. As a part of this study, the committee should review processes used in other states related to the analysis and reporting requirements for economic development programs.
- Monitor implementation of SB 21 (83-R), which requires drug testing for unemployment insurance claimants. Investigate options to begin implementation of the rule without relying on U.S. Department of Labor regulations. Make recommendations to ensure that unemployment insurance claimants are actively seeking work and not using illegal drugs.

* Public testimony will be limited at the discretion of the Chairman *

** See Committee Coordinator for previous versions of the schedule **