

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Business & Industry  
TIME & DATE: 1:00 PM, Tuesday, March 22, 2016  
PLACE: E2.010  
CHAIR: Rep. René Oliveira

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The committee will be hearing invited testimony only on the following charges:

Charge 10:

Conduct legislative oversight and monitoring of the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 84th Legislature. In conducting this oversight, the committee should:

- a. consider any reforms to state agencies to make them more responsive to Texas taxpayers and citizens;
- b. identify issues regarding the agency or its governance that may be appropriate to investigate, improve, remedy, or eliminate;
- c. determine whether an agency is operating in a transparent and efficient manner; and
- d. identify opportunities to streamline programs and services while maintaining the mission of the agency and its programs.

Charge 7:

Study the following aspects of the designated doctor process in the Texas workers' compensation system:

- a. the Division of Workers' Compensation's (DWC's) processes for educating, monitoring, and evaluating designated doctors;
- b. whether the DWC requires additional authority to regulate designated doctors or entities providing services for designated doctors; and
- c. any unique issues with "traveling" designated doctors.

Charge 8:

Examine the adequacy of benefits for injured employees in the Texas workers' compensation system who qualify for Lifetime Income Benefits, and for the beneficiaries of employees who receive Death Benefits. In particular, examine the application of benefit caps for those benefit types and the termination of Death Benefits to surviving spouses on remarriage.

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