

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Energy Resources
TIME & DATE: 1:00 PM, Monday, March 07, 2016
PLACE: E2.010
CHAIR: Rep. Drew Darby

The committee will meet to hear testimony on the following charges:

Study enforcement policies of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Consider effectiveness of maximum fines as a deterrent of violation, the economic benefit of non-compliance, and greater accessibility to enforcement and complaint data for the public.

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 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;
- d. identify opportunities to streamline programs and services while maintaining the mission of the agency and its programs;
- e. monitor the impact of major energy legislation passed by the 84th Legislature including the implementation of regulated surface activity on oil and gas sites; and
- f. review seismic research needs for the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology and any response to research findings by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

If you wish to testify, please contact Committee staff at jamie.burchfield_hc@house.state.tx.us.

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