

** REVISION **

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: State Affairs
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 28, 2016
PLACE: E2.028
CHAIR: Rep. Byron Cook

The committee will meet to address the following interim charges:

Study the policies used by research and medical entities to adhere to the highest ethical standards for acquiring human fetal tissue for medical and scientific purposes. Specifically, review compliance to ensure informed consent and that all state and federal laws sufficiently respect the dignity of the human body. Study criteria for which persons have standing when giving consent for the use of fetal remains and to investigate potential violations of state laws regulating organ/tissue donation. Determine whether additional disclosure and reporting requirements are necessary to ensure moral and ethical research practices. Review practices and statutes in other states regarding fetal tissue harvesting.

Study if the state's infrastructure is adequately prepared for disasters, whether man-made or natural. Include preparedness assessments of the maintenance and recovery of vital infrastructure such as transportation and utility systems.

Determine if the state has sufficient authority and the tools to ensure continued operation of the state's government and economy under existing budgetary and statutory authority. Make contingency recommendations to prevent collapse in the event of an economic disaster.

INVITED TESTIMONY ONLY

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See Committee Coordinator for previous versions
of the schedule, if applicable.

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