

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Tuesday, December 08, 2015
PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Charles Perry

The committee will meet to consider the following interim charges:

- Study and make recommendations on improving the law in this state regarding agricultural liens under Chapter 70, Agricultural Code. The study should include whether sufficient safeguards exist to protect the financial interest agricultural producers have in their product.
- Study and make recommendations on the effects of windblown and waterborne litter. The study should include an analysis of the economic effects of litter, any necessary methods to prevent and remediate litter, and an assessment of state and local programs to reduce litter.
- Study the economic benefits the Texas Department of Agriculture's Market Development Services provide to the state through promoting Texas Agricultural products. Review the current marketing services and strategies available to Texas producers and determine additional resources necessary to increase the Market Development Services capabilities. Make recommendations for legislative action, if needed.
- Study and make recommendations on improving the laws regarding the management of game animals, production of domestic fowl, and development of agricultural products in the State to reduce the occurrence and spread of disease and harmful pests.

Invited testimony only.
