

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

COMMITTEE: County Affairs  
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Thursday, August 23, 2018  
PLACE: 411 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202  
CHAIR: Rep. Garnet Coleman

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The Committee will meet at the Dallas County Administration Building, Allen Clemson Courtroom to consider the following interim charges:

Interim Charge #1: Examine how emergency response activities are organized, funded, and coordinated. Review the impact of natural disasters on county finances. Identify any deficiencies in authority for the most populous counties related to infrastructure planning, emergency response, and recovery. Explore ways to improve efficiencies and manage costs while protecting public safety. Additionally, study the relationship between the state, counties, non-governmental organizations, and churches in preparing for and responding to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, and determine if preparedness plans are adequate.

Interim Charge #2: Evaluate whether counties have the necessary ordinance-making and enforcement authority to deal with flood risk in unincorporated rural and suburban areas of Texas. Additionally, examine whether counties have adequate resources and authority to ensure that new development in unincorporated areas is not susceptible to flooding.

Interim Charge #3: Study how counties identify defendants' and inmates' behavioral health needs and deferral opportunities to appropriate rehabilitative and transition services. Consider models for ensuring defendants and inmates with mental illness receive appropriate services upon release from the criminal justice system.

Interim Charge #5: Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature.

Public testimony will begin after all invited testimony.

The hearing will be live streamed. To view the hearing please copy and paste the web address below into your web browser:  
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