

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Business & Commerce
TIME & DATE: 11:00 AM, Tuesday, January 23, 2018
PLACE: 4455 University Dr., Houston, TX 77204
CHAIR: Senator Kelly Hancock

The Senate Committee on Business and Commerce will meet at the University of Houston Student Center, 2nd Floor Houston Room, to consider the following:

- 1) Invited testimony from the Texas Department of Insurance on Hurricane Harvey related property and casualty insurance claims data analysis.

- 2) Interim charge on Health Insurance Market Stability: Study the factors affecting health insurance markets in Texas, particularly the individual market, including federal and state law. Make recommendations that would result in increased stability in the markets and enhance value and affordability for individual consumers and businesses. Examine what steps the state needs to take to allow out-of-state health insurance sales. In developing its recommendations, the committee should consider the flexibility afforded to states by 1332 "state innovation" waivers, which allow states to modify or eliminate tax penalties associated with individual and employer coverage mandates; modify requirements for benefits and subsidies; and find alternative ways to provide benefit plan choices, determine eligibility for subsidies, and enroll consumers.

- 3) Interim charge to monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce during the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, including the settlement of out-of-network health benefit claims involving balance billing and patient's explanation of benefits statements.

Invited testimony only.
