HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE OF FORMAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

COMMITTEE: Driver's License Issuance & Renewal, Select

TIME & DATE: N/A

Monday, September 14, 2020

PLACE: N/A

CHAIR: Rep. Briscoe Cain

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and challenges in scheduling public hearings at this time, the Select House Committee on Driver's License Issuance and Renewal is conducting necessary oversight functions through an information gathering process under Section 301.014, Government Code.

This is notice that the committee is seeking information and input on the topics listed below. Submissions received in response to this request will be transmitted to members of the committee and posted on the House website at https://house.texas.gov/committees/committee/?committee=C230.

Submission Guidelines:

- Submissions must be in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF.
- Please submit a separate document for each topic to which you are responding.
- Submissions must be submitted via e-mail to the Committee Clerk Justin Williamson at **Justin.Williamson_HC@House.Texas.Gov** and are requested to include "RFI" and the "Interim Charge #" in the subject for quick identification.
- Please include the following information in the submission email:
- Submitter Name
- Organization or entity (if applicable and an authorized representative),
- Mailing Address
- Email
- Telephone Number
- Comments received in response to this Request for Information will be publicly posted on TLO, TLIS, and the House website.
- When submitting comments, we will remove any personal identifying information, such as your personal phone number, residence address, or e-mail address.
- The deadline for all submissions is October 15, 2020.

Topics:

Interim Charge #1: Examining opportunities to expedite the driver's license renewal processes, with a focus on long wait times, physician waivers for eye exams, redundant fingerprinting, and opportunities to complete the renewal online; Reviewing the feasibility of permanently transferring the licensing program from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) over to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Interim Charge #2: Monitoring the use of additional funds that were devoted to the Department of Public Safety in the 86th Legislature for the purposes of improving the driver's license renewal process, along with the construction of new driver's license service centers.

Interim Charge #3: Monitoring the implementation of House Bill 1078 -- which waives driver's license and handgun license fees for individuals with certificates in cardiopulmonary resuscitation -- and determining whether the legislation is being implemented as intended.

Interim Charge #4: Monitoring the implementation of Senate Bill 616 -- the DPS sunset bill -- which provides for the conditional transfer of licensing programs from DPS to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and reviewing the new workgroup's adoption of an implementation plan for the orderly transfer of programs.

In the event it becomes feasible to safely conduct a public meeting, the Committee reserves the right to hold an in-person hearing on these charges.