

The House Committee on Energy Resources

87th Legislature

October 4, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Midland, Texas

Pursuant to a notice posted on September 22, 2022, revised on September 23, 2022 and September 29, 2022, the House Committee on Energy Resources met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Goldman, at 9:04 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Goldman; Anchia; Craddick; Darby; Harrison; and Longoria.

A quorum was present.

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The chair made opening remarks.

The committee considered the following interim charges:

Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 87th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

HB 1520, relating to extraordinary costs incurred by gas utilities relating to Winter Storm Uri and the authority to issue bonds and impose fees and assessments; and

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HB 3648, which requires the designation of certain natural gas facilities as critical customers or critical gas suppliers during energy emergencies.

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Examine ways to increase the production of oil and gas within the state. Review state and local regulations that could directly impact the exploration or production of oil and gas and make recommendations for increasing Texas' energy independence.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Explore options for expanding the state's underground natural gas storage capacity, including using excess storage capacity for carbon capture opportunities and the creation of a strategic natural gas reserve for the state.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Evaluate innovative and emerging energy sources. Identify and make recommendations to address legislative or regulatory obstacles to the use, development, and deployment of viable innovative and emerging energy sources.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

At 10:07 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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Rep. Goldman, Chair

Colin Davis, Clerk