

** REVISION **

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Insurance
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Tuesday, September 6, 2022
PLACE: E2.014
CHAIR: Rep. Tom Oliverson

The House Committee on Insurance will meet to hear invited testimony over the following interim charges:

2. Review existing state laws, administrative regulations, and agency practices to identify barriers to competition in the insurance marketplace. Examine existing business practices in the industry to determine if additional laws or regulations are needed to promote competition, lower premiums, and protect consumers.

- Review consumer rights and appraisal in automotive and homeowner policies. Review trade industry practices and interaction with insurers and consumers.
- Review current regulatory landscape for Healthcare Sharing Ministries, County Mutual Insurance Companies, and Farm Mutual Insurance Companies.

3. Monitor the implementation compliance and enforcement of legislation related to freestanding emergency rooms to determine whether patients are adequately protected and if further safeguards and disclosures are needed.

4. Review Texas' insurance anti-rebating laws and model legislation related to rebates. Make recommendations for legislation that would preserve the purpose of the current statute while allowing certain services for and benefits to insurance consumers.

Electronic Public comments will be available for:

Consumer rights and appraisal for auto and homeowner policies
Healthcare Sharing Ministries
County Mutuals
Farm Mutuals
Freestanding ERs
Anti-Rebating Laws

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration, can be found here:

<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>

A live video broadcast of this hearing will be available here:

<https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/>

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<https://house.texas.gov/committees/public-access-house-committee-meetings/>

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