

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation & Tourism
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, September 21, 2022
PLACE: E2.016
CHAIR: Rep. Ken King

The committee will meet to take invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

1. 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, including the following:
 - HB 1728, relating to partnerships between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and nonprofit entities to promote hunting and fishing by certain veterans; and
 - HB 3081, which relates to the issuance of digital tags for the taking of certain animals.
2. Review the overall state of Texas' travel, tourism and hospitality industry. Make recommendations for statutory and regulatory changes to ensure industry resiliency and vitality. Consider the following:
 - Access to federal recovery programs and efforts that enable the draw-down of federal funding;
 - Improvement of workforce reliability; and
 - Use of the supplemental money appropriated to the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism through SB 8 (87S3).
3. Review state efforts to preserve and develop Texas state parks and open spaces to ensure affordable public access to outdoor recreational and educational opportunities.

Electronic public comments will be available for:

1. Agency oversight and legislation implementation
2. State of Texas' travel, tourism and hospitality industry
3. Preserving and developing state parks and ensuring public access

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>

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