

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: State Affairs  
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
PLACE: E2.010  
CHAIR: Rep. Will Metcalf

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The Committee will meet in a public hearing and hear invited and public testimony to consider the following:

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 5, relating to the expansion of broadband services to rural areas
- HB 1505, relating to attachments for broadband service on utility poles owned by an electric cooperative and establishing and funding a pole replacement program for deployment of certain broadband facilities

Study the status and adequacy of cyber security preparedness among state agencies and contractors. Make recommendations that enhance cyber security measures considering evolving threats to Texas' information technology infrastructure

Review the impact of state government procurement of goods and services from businesses and other commercial entities owned or controlled by the Russian government or Russian nationals, and determine the need for restrictions on state government procurement. Consider the impact of any proposed procurement restrictions on state government efficiency and effectiveness and the state's access to scientific and technological advances

Electronic public comment will be available for:

HB 5 implementation - relating to the expansion of broadband services to rural areas  
HB1505-relating to attachments for broadband service on utility poles  
Study the status and adequacy of cybersecurity preparedness  
Review the impact of state government procurement of Russian goods

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

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<https://comments.house.texas.gov/?c=c450>

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