

SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Natural Resources & Economic Development
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Thursday, November 17, 2022
PLACE: Senate Chamber
CHAIR: Senator Brian Birdwell

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development will meet to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Economic Development Programs: Review the programs in Chapters 380 and 381 of the Local Government Code. Consider the benefits of each program in generating economic development. Make recommendations for improvements to Chapters 380 and 381 to increase transparency and accountability and the effectiveness of the programs.

Hotel Occupancy Taxes: Study the collection and use of hotel occupancy taxes. Evaluate and make recommendations related to the effectiveness, costs of rebates, incentives, and other taxes applied to qualified hotel and convention center projects. Investigate and determine whether the creation of a standard Hotel Occupancy Tax legislative template is feasible, and whether it would enable the legislature to more efficiently evaluate proposed Hotel Occupancy Tax bills during the legislative session.

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development passed by the 87th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:

- **Senate Bill 13,** Relating to state contracts with and investments in certain companies that boycott energy companies.

Public testimony is limited to 3 minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies to the committee clerk with your name or the name of your organization on each copy, and email a digital copy to the clerk of the committee at David.Estrada_SC@senate.texas.gov.

NOTICE OF ASSISTANCE AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHO PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND WHO MAY NEED ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER OR PERSONAL ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES, ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE SENATE COMMITTEE COORDINATOR AT 512/463-0070, 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

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