

SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, May 11, 2022
PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Charles Perry

The Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs will meet Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 9:00 am to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Rural Employment: Study and make recommendations on rural small business development and workforce needs. Consider and recommend innovative methods for business development in rural parts of the state.

Rural Immigration: Consider the Federal government's open border policies and practices of releasing illegal immigrants in rural areas of the state. Report on the impact to rural Texas, and their local ability to address social, health, and law enforcement needs.

Meat Packing Facilities: Study the need for additional meat packing facilities in Texas. Evaluate and report on the increased cost to Texas ranchers and revenue lost in the Texas economy when meatpacking facilities are utilized outside of Texas.

Agricultural Theft: Study the impact of cattle theft on farming and ranching operations throughout Texas and recommend cost-effective measures to mitigate loss and increase security.

Public testimony is limited to 2 minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide 15 copies, with your name on each copy, to the Committee during the hearing.

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