

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Homeland Security & Public Safety

TIME & DATE: 1:00 PM, Monday, July 8, 2024

PLACE: E2.030

CHAIR: Rep. Ryan Guillen

The Homeland Security & Public Safety Committee will meet on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. to hear invited testimony only on the following interim charges:

Charge #1. **Monitoring:** Conduct active oversight of all associated rule making and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

HB 3290, relating to the next generation 9-1-1 service fund;

SB 602, relating to the law enforcement authority of federal border patrol agents.

Charge #2. **Firearm Purchasing Fees:** Examine existing firearm purchasing and transfer fees. Consider their efficacy and the impact of reducing or eliminating the fees.

Charge #3. **Use of Less-Lethal Devices in Law Enforcement:** Study the use of less-lethal devices in law enforcement encounters, including recent incidents, and their potential to reduce the risk of death or injury to officers and suspects. Consider methods to increase the use of less-lethal devices for the safety and benefit of all parties.

Charge #4. **Communications Interoperability:** Study the communications challenges of first responders and emergency personnel. Make recommendations, considering the need for a cross-agency communications upgrade or statewide interoperability plan, to increase reliable, available, and modern communications for public safety and emergency response purposes in communities across the state.

Electronic Public Comments may be submitted for:

Implementation of HB 3290

Implementation of SB 602

Firearm Purchasing Fees

Use of Less-Lethal Devices in Law Enforcement

Communications Interoperability

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