

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation & Tourism
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Tuesday, July 16, 2024
PLACE: E2.036
CHAIR: Rep. Trent Ashby

The Committee on Culture, Recreation, and Tourism will meet on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to hear invited testimony only on the following interim charges:

Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 88th 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 2719, relating to the powers of the Texas Historical Commission over historic sites in this state

SB 1648, relating to the centennial parks conservation fund.

Conservation of Texas Farm and Ranch Lands: Evaluate the purpose and effectiveness of the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program. Identify the trends and impacts of land fragmentation given the state's rapid population growth and proud legacy of private land stewardship and evaluate the risks of increased foreign ownership of Texas land resulting from fragmentation. Examine the ecological and economic benefits of existing land conservation programs and the potential future role of strategic conservation initiatives to assist in the preservation of critical natural resources for the benefit of Texans in future generations.

Support for Coastal Shrimping and Fishing Industries: Study the impact of excessive imports of shrimp from other countries and related trade practices on local economies, domestic shrimp populations, and public health and safety. Identify measures to promote Texas gulf shrimp and support local fisherman and coastal communities.

Electronic Public Comments may be submitted for:

Implementation of HB 2719
Implementation of SB 1648
Conservation of Texas Farm and Ranch Lands
Support for Coastal Shrimping and Fishing Industries

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