

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: State Affairs  
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Tuesday, September 17, 2024  
PLACE: JHR 140  
CHAIR: Rep. Todd Hunter

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**The chair may limit testimony time to ensure consideration of posted business.**

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The State Affairs Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 17, at 9:00 a.m. to hear invited testimony only on the following interim charges:

**Panhandle Wildfires:** Evaluate the findings and recommendations of the Investigative Committee on the Panhandle Wildfires that are within the committee's jurisdiction and develop related legislative solutions and other actions for preventing future wildfires and improving wildfire disaster preparedness, response, and mitigation.

NOTE: Testimony on this charge will include invited testimony relating to key barriers to broadband deployment in rural areas.

**Economic Challenges Impacting Insurance Premiums:** Examine the impact of current economic challenges on the escalating costs of insurance premiums, including factors contributing to the withdrawal of insurance providers from certain markets. Investigate solutions to help Texans more easily and affordably obtain property and casualty insurance coverage. Evaluate long-term strategies for shifting from state-funded insurance programs to sustainable private market alternatives.

Electronic public comments may be submitted for:

Panhandle wildfires  
Barriers to broadband deployment in rural areas  
Economic challenges impacting insurance premiums

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>

A live video broadcast of this hearing will be available here:

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

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