

**SENATE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Border Security  
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Thursday, September 19, 2024  
PLACE: E1.016 (Hearing Room)  
CHAIR: Senator Brian Birdwell

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The Senate Committee on Border Security will meet to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

**Securing the Texas-Mexico Border:** Examine the impact of transnational criminal activity on commerce including, but not limited to, organized crime fuel theft to fund criminal operations. Make recommendations to support and strengthen interagency border operations to combat criminal enterprises.

**Support for Border Security Personnel:** Consider the effect on personnel who have actively served or participated in Operation Lone Star and the impact of their service on their health and well-being, and their regular employment or assignments outside of Operation Lone Star. Study the challenges and barriers that affect the recruitment and retention of personnel engaged in border security efforts.

**Monitoring:** Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Border Security passed by the 88th 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 602, relating to the law enforcement authority of federal border patrol agents;
- Senate Bill 1133, relating to a program to compensate landowners for property damage caused by certain criminal activities; and
- Senate Bill 1484, relating to a border operations training program for peace officers employed by local law enforcement agencies.

**Public testimony is limited to 2 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 [Jennifer.Trevino\\_SC@senate.texas.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Trevino_SC@senate.texas.gov).

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