

**The House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans'
Affairs**

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10:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on April 29, 2026, the House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Hefner, at 10:02 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; and Pierson.

A quorum was present.

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The Chair made opening remarks.

The Committee heard invited testimony on the following:

Monitoring HB 33, relating to active shooter incidents at primary and secondary school facilities and other emergencies.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Canales now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The Committee heard invited testimony on the following interim charge:

Authority of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement: Evaluate the statutory framework governing the creation and recognition of law enforcement agencies in Texas and the role of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement in that process. Review whether current law provides clear authority and standards for establishing new agencies employing licensed peace officers and identify any statutory gaps or inconsistencies.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Lopez, Ray in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Hefner in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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Strengthening the Law Enforcement Workforce: Study workforce challenges affecting state and local law enforcement agencies, including recruitment, retention, moral injury, and training-pipeline barriers. Examine the operational impacts of staffing shortages and evaluate strategies to strengthen the law enforcement workforce, including financial support for recruits during academy training, childcare and family-support solutions for officers, and other incentives to improve recruitment, retention, and public safety readiness.

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At 6:08 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Hefner, Chair

Jose Gonzalez, Clerk