

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: General Aviation, Select
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Tuesday, August 18, 2026
PLACE: E2.026
CHAIR: Rep. Keith Bell

Public testimony may be limited at the discretion of the chair.

The committee will meet to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Examine the condition and capacity of general aviation airports in the state, as well as capital improvements necessary to promote transportation access and aviation safety. Identify opportunities for the state to maximize federal funding for airport improvements and other alternative funding sources for aviation infrastructure.

Evaluate barriers for carriers to expand regional air service and enter underserved markets. Recommend options for the development of a statewide regional air service master plan.

Study shortages in the aviation workforce and explore opportunities for the aviation industry to partner with public universities, community colleges, and state technical colleges to develop training pathways.

Examine the role of general aviation airports in responding to disasters. Identify improvements to better facilitate staging and deployment of assets, and improved coordination between state and federal agencies.

Study governance and procurement frameworks for general aviation airports, including the assessment of fees. Recommend best practices to improve operational efficiency and position general aviation airports to integrate emerging aviation technology.

Electronic public comment will be available for:

General aviation airports' infrastructure in Texas
Expanding regional air service in Texas
Shortages in aviation workforce
Role of general aviation airports in disaster response
Procurement process for general aviation airports in Texas
Emerging aviation technology

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