

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Ways & Means
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Tuesday, September 15, 2026
PLACE: E2.012
CHAIR: Rep. Morgan Meyer

The House Committee on Ways and Means will meet to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation and associated rulemaking of legislation passed by the Committee and enacted by the 89th Legislature to ensure that legislative purposes are properly implemented, including the following:

- HB 103, relating to the creation and maintenance of a database of taxing unit bond, tax, and bond-related project information; and
- HB 148, relating to the qualification of candidates for, and the training and education of members of, the board of directors of an appraisal district.

Property Tax Relief: Study and consider methods to build on the property tax relief provided by the 89th Legislature. Review the cost and benefits of compressing school district tax rates and increasing the homestead exemption; whether the property tax appraisal system is working as intended, and opportunities to improve the system to benefit homeowners and businesses; and the economic performance of state tax revenue supporting ongoing property tax relief, including the impact of exemptions.

Local Government Spending: Examine local government spending and debt practices, including the use of certificates of obligation, to determine the overall impact on property tax rates. Evaluate other revenue sources, such as fees, utilized by local units of government to facilitate increased spending. Make recommendations to improve the long-term affordability for Texas families by limiting the growth of local government spending.

Agency Oversight: Pursuant to the broad oversight responsibilities granted to the Committee under Section 301.014, Government Code, and the House Rules of Procedure, monitor the agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction, including for fraud, waste, and abuse, where applicable. The jurisdiction of the Ways and Means Committee includes the following agencies:

- The Multistate Tax Commission; and
- The Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Public testimony will be limited to two minutes.

Written testimony and handouts should be emailed to the committee clerk at ryan.marquess_hc@house.texas.gov by September 10th.

Electronic public comment will be available for:

Implementation of HB 103
Implementation of HB 148
Property Tax Relief
Local Government Spending
Agency Oversight: The Multistate Tax Commission
Agency Oversight: The Comptroller of Public Accounts

Texas residents who wish to electronically submit comments related to agenda items on this notice without testifying in person can do so until the hearing is adjourned by visiting:

<https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c490>

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>

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

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