

SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Homeland & Border Security, Select
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, August 12, 2026
PLACE: E1.016 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Phil King

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

Keeping Texas' Skies Safe: Examine the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems, commonly known as drones, as it relates to public safety and study current partnerships with the United States government and Mexico that aid Texas agencies in defending against and disabling hostile drones. Make recommendations to determine which state agencies would best assist the federal government in drone mitigation; identify necessary prohibitions that protect critical infrastructure and public events; and strengthen penalties that close any gaps when protecting Texas' skies.

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation of legislation passed by the 89th 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 36 (89th Legislature), relating to the homeland security activities of certain entities, including the establishment and operations of the Homeland Security Division in the Department of Public Safety.

Public testimony is limited to 2 minutes per witness. If submitting written testimony, please provide 7 copies to the clerk with your name on each copy.

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