

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Intergovernmental Relations
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Thursday, May 03, 2012
PLACE: University of North TX at Dallas, Room 138 A and B
CHAIR: Senator Royce West

The Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations will meet on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 10:00 AM on the University of North Texas at Dallas campus, located at 7400 University Hills Blvd. in Dallas, Texas 75241, in Room 138 A and B. The Committee will hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

- Study the impact that regulatory requirements have on the price of residential housing, including costs and benefits during the development, construction, sale, and resale of housing. Consider how regulatory loads affect the ability of the housing market to return to normal economic levels, and focus on the impact on the sale of new and used homes. Include costs and benefits of individual categories or types of regulation to allow a better assessment of ways to improve the affordability of housing.
- Review state policies regarding the provision of affordable housing, including ways to better coordinate existing federal, state, county, and city resources to appropriately increase homeownership and make recommendations to address any issues. Identify any impediments that prevent local governments from using existing tools, such as land trusts, land banks, and other available incentives. Study methods to improve the provision of affordable housing to special-needs populations, such as co-location with social services and coordination with mass transit.
- Study the most effective ways to identify and report data on homeless and runaway youth, and develop recommendations for prevention and maximizing services for this population.