

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Insurance  
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, December 03, 2014  
PLACE: E2.036  
CHAIR: Rep. John Smithee

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The Committee will meet to consider the following interim charges:

Charge 1: Monitor the effects of the Affordable Care Act on the availability and affordability of private health insurance coverage in Texas and on the health insurance market.

Charge 2: Evaluate options to expand transparency in the health care marketplace and facilitate informed consumer choice. Monitor the implementation of prior legislation to encourage transparency and adequacy of health care provider networks. Review prior legislative attempts to achieve greater transparency and the effectiveness of regulatory efforts to minimize the negative impacts on consumers related to out-of-network service disputes.

Charge 5: Examine the following aspects of the Texas auto insurance market:

- Methods to decrease the rate of uninsured drivers, including an evaluation of the success of current programs and possible improvements; and
- The benefits and drawbacks of prohibiting or restricting the use of "named driver" auto insurance policies.

Charge 6: Make recommendations for any necessary reforms to address the long-term stability of the residual market for workers' compensation insurance in this state.

Public testimony may be limited to three (3) minutes.

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