HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE:	Economic & Small Business Development
TIME & DATE:	9:00 AM, Wednesday, April 06, 2016
PLACE:	675 W. Walnut St. Garland, TX 75040
CHAIR:	Rep. Angie Button

The Committee will meet at the Richland College Garland Campus in the atrium located at 675 W. Walnut St. Garland, TX 75040.

The Committee will meet to consider the following interim charges: 2) Evaluate what local governments are doing to attract businesses to their communities and examine ways the state can leverage these practices and provide support. Include ways to improve local economic development programs to ensure a continued return on investment for taxpayers. In addition, study the authority, financial accountability, and types of statutorily allowed expenditures of economic development corporations. Provide analysis of 4A and 4B sales tax programs and determine if they are still meeting their intended purpose effectively.

5) Evaluate Texas's competitiveness with other states in recruiting and cultivating high-growth, high-tech industries, fostering economic development, and creating new jobs. Examine if current incentives and regulations assist or hinder the state's ability to compete with other states for economic growth and sustainability.

The Committee will also hear from area cities and chambers of commerce regarding their economic development efforts.

Invited testimony only.

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