## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Public Health

TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Tuesday, May 22, 2012

PLACE: E1.030

CHAIR: Rep. Lois Kolkhorst

The committee will meet to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charge:

Identify policies to alleviate food insecurity, increase access to healthy foods, and incent good nutrition within existing food assistance programs. Consider initiatives in Texas and other states to eliminate food deserts and grocery gaps, encourage urban agriculture and farmers' markets, and increase participation in the Summer Food Program. Evaluate the desirability and feasibility of incorporating nutritional standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Monitor congressional activity on the 2012 Farm Bill and consider its impact on Texas.

This will be a joint hearing with the Committee on Human Services.