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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: County Affairs  
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Monday, March 10, 2014  
PLACE: Polk County Commerce Center Room A  
CHAIR: Rep. Garnet Coleman

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**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE\*\***

The hearing will take place at the **Polk County Commerce Center Room A, 1017 US Highway 59 Loop North, Livingston, TX 77351.**

The committee will meet to hear testimony on all interim charges:

1. Examine population growth in Texas counties and the impact the growth has had on housing, available land resources, businesses in Texas, as well as the impact of growth on the state's economy. Evaluate Texas's preparedness to respond to future growth and ensure economic stability.
2. Continue oversight of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards and issues jails currently face, including the mental health of those in jail, and make recommendations for refinement or improvement of processes and programs.
3. Monitor the health advisory panel stemming from HB 3793 (83R).
4. Determine which counties have implemented a cite-and-summons policy, whether the policy has been effective in lessening overcrowding in county jails, and whether those cited by peace officers comply with the policy.
5. Study the implementation of SB 462 (83R). Examine which counties currently have veterans courts, as well as veterans courts in other states, and determine how those programs are working and whether these courts provide additional services or resources for veterans. Make appropriate recommendations. (Joint charge with the House Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs)
6. Conduct legislative oversight and monitoring of the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 83rd Legislature. In conducting this oversight, the committee should:
  - a. consider any reforms to state agencies to make them more responsive to Texas taxpayers and citizens;

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- b. identify issues regarding the agency or its governance that may be appropriate to investigate, improve, remedy, or eliminate;
  - c. determine whether an agency is operating in a transparent and efficient manner; and
  - d. identify opportunities to streamline programs and services while maintaining the mission of the agency and its programs.

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See Committee Coordinator for previous versions  
of the schedule, if applicable.

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