

** REVISION **

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: County Affairs
TIME & DATE: 12:00 PM, Wednesday, October 17, 2018
PLACE: 1919 Pressler St, Houston, TX 77030
CHAIR: Rep. Garnet Coleman

The Committee will meet at the Coleman Tower at Houston Community College Lecture Hall room 109 to consider the following interim charges:

Interim Charge #1: Examine how emergency response activities are organized, funded, and coordinated. Review the impact of natural disasters on county finances. Identify any deficiencies in authority for the most populous counties related to infrastructure planning, emergency response, and recovery. Explore ways to improve efficiencies and manage costs while protecting public safety. Additionally, study the relationship between the state, counties, non-governmental organizations, and churches in preparing for and responding to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath, and determine if preparedness plans are adequate.

Interim Charge #2: Evaluate whether counties have the necessary ordinance-making and enforcement authority to deal with flood risk in unincorporated rural and suburban areas of Texas. Additionally, examine whether counties have adequate resources and authority to ensure that new development in unincorporated areas is not susceptible to flooding.

Interim Charge #3: Study how counties identify defendants' and inmates' behavioral health needs and deferral opportunities to appropriate rehabilitative and transition services. Consider models for ensuring defendants and inmates with mental illness receive appropriate services upon release from the criminal justice system.

Interim Charge #5: Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature. Under the Committee's oversight, the Committee will be discussing indigent defense.

Public testimony will begin after all invited testimony.

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

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