

** REVISION **

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Subcommittee on Higher Education
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Tuesday, May 14, 2024
PLACE: E1.028 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Brandon Creighton

The subcommittee will consider the following:

Monitor the Ban on Discriminatory DEI Policies: Examine the implementation of Senate Bill 17, 88th Legislature, which bans discriminatory "DEI" initiatives at institutions of public higher education. Review and report on the progress each institution has made in aligning university policies and procedures with the provisions of Senate Bill 17, ensuring Texas college campuses foster equal opportunity and reward individual merit and achievement.

Combating Antisemitism on Texas College Campuses: Review campus policies to prevent antisemitism. Study the oversight Texas institutions of higher education have over the formation and operations of student organizations, including access to campus facilities and use of campus property. Make recommendations to prevent antisemitism on college campuses, while protecting First Amendment rights.

Campus Free Speech: Examine the procedures of Texas public institutions of higher education designed to protect the First Amendment free speech rights of faculty, staff, and students. Monitor and report on compliance Senate Bill 18, 86th Legislature, and make recommendations for any needed reforms.

Public testimony will be limited to 2 minutes per person. If submitting written testimony please submit 15 copies to committee staff at the hearing with your name on each copy.

** See Committee Coordinator for previous versions of the schedule **

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