

SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Veteran Affairs
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, May 15, 2024
PLACE: 2E.20 (Betty King Cmte. Rm.)
CHAIR: Senator Kelly Hancock

The Committee will hear invited testimony on the following interim charges:

Veteran Mental Health: Review current programs that provide direct and indirect mental health services to veterans in Texas. Identify barriers to accessing mental health resources for rural veterans. Make recommendations to improve access to mental health support for all veterans.

Support Service Database for Texas Veterans: Review and report on the progress toward the creation of a single database to facilitate the seamless provision of veteran benefits by state agencies. Make recommendations to improve coordination among state, federal, and local agencies and others that provide benefits to veterans.

Strengthen Support for Veteran Housing: Study the accessibility and affordability of veteran housing. Identify factors that contribute to veteran homelessness. Determine whether the Veterans Land Board has the tools necessary to maximize their assistance to eligible borrowers in home lending. Make recommendations to update state standards related to veteran home loans and housing.

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