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SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Agriculture & Rural Affairs
TIME & DATE: 1:00 PM, Tuesday, July 10, 2012
PLACE: E1.028 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Craig Estes

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs will meet to discuss the following interim charges:

Interim Charge #1: Study and make recommendations for ways to increase investment, employment and production in Texas agriculture. Include a review of current land use and market trends as they relate to agricultural use and make recommendations for ways to support and enhance small farm and ranch operations.

Interim Charge #3: Assess the current veterinary medical workforce, and make recommendations to address any disparities between small animal (companion) and large animal (food/fiber) veterinarians. Review the Rural Veterinary Medical Loan program (RVML) and make recommendations to enhance the use of RVML funds and other funding sources to increase the veterinary medical workforce.

Interim Charge #4: Review the impact of state laws relating to the closure of horse slaughter facilities across the United States. Analyze the impact on the equine industry and agricultural sector of the Texas economy.

The Committee will hear invited and public testimony.
