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SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Business & Commerce

TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, June 24, 2026

PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)

CHAIR: Senator Charles Schwertner

The Senate Committee on Business and Commerce will meet to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Strengthening Regulatory Oversight and Access to Affordable Insurance for Texans: Evaluate the rising cost of property and casualty insurance in Texas. Consider the stability and competitiveness of the Texas insurance market, insurer participation, and coverage availability to meet consumer demand. Make recommendations to increase affordability, improve reporting to strengthen consumer protections, and support timely regulatory and legislative responses.

Fostering Financial Technology Innovation: Evaluate the future of blockchain technology and cryptocurrency in the state of Texas and assess Texas' coordination with federal rules. Assess how the state's financial regulatory agencies respond to emerging financial technologies and business models, while prioritizing the protection of consumers. Examine the prevalence of virtual currency kiosks in Texas and make recommendations to support their use while protecting vulnerable Texans from scams. Review the implementation of Senate Bill 21, 89th Legislature.

Examining Broadband Development Office Strategic Planning: Review the Broadband Development Office's (BDO) management of existing state and federal broadband development funds, as well as ongoing funding decisions under the various funding programs. Evaluate the BDO's strategic plan for timely broadband deployment and make recommendations to improve the efficiency of BDO programs using existing resources.

Public testimony is limited to 2 minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide 15 copies to the clerk with your name on each copy.

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

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