

19th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature Legislative Issues Committees

These eight Legislative Issues Committees (LIC) represent areas of concern to older Texans and are addressed in the TSHL Legislative Session. Please indicate three (3) committees in which you feel best qualified to serve. Numeral "1" indicates your first preference, and numerals "2" and "3" indicate your second and third preferences. Barring that the majority of legislators select the same committees, you will be assigned to one of the three choices at the TSHL Orientation Session.

___ **CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE.** Address issues relating to homeland security and the following House Standing Committees of Corrections, Criminal Jurisprudence and Law Enforcement, and the Senate Standing Committee of Criminal Justice.

___ **EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE.** Address issues relating to continuing education opportunities, to include technology training and education for older adults: bi-lingual education opportunities for the older adult minorities, and others. Issues relating to the Senate Standing Committee of Education.

___ **HEALTH and HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE.** Address issues that protect Medicaid benefits to older adults; be an advocate for nursing home reforms; alternatives to institutionalization; training for nurses' aides; greater incentives for in-home care; improved medical care for the indigent older adults; other issues relating to improved health care for older adults, and other issues. Issues relating to the Senate Standing Committee of Health and Human Services.

___ **HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.** Address issues such as funding for expanding community service programs, including transportation for rural and urban areas; funding for respite care; expanded Senior Center programs, and others that involve the physical aspects of older adult care. Issues relating to the House Standing Committee of Human Services.

___ **RETIREMENT and AGING COMMITTEE.** Address issues such as supporting the Aging Texas Well program, issues for the protection of and well-being of Texas older adults that relate to housing, employment, medical care, taxes, licenses, fees and other issues concerning with the health, retirement programs, property and other assets of retired and all older Texans.

___ **RURAL-URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.** Address issues that reflect the needs of older adult Texans we serve in the rural - urban Texas communities, about issues which are unique to the rural – urban community. Issues relating to the Senate Standing Committees of Agriculture & Rural Affairs, Business and Commerce and Economic Development and the House Standing Committee of Urban Affairs.

___ **STATE AFFAIRS and INSURANCE COMMITTEE.** Address matters that pertain to the administration of state government affairs and the organization, operation, regulation, and management of state agencies. Identify insurance needs and research possible solutions that address insurance matters, especially as they affect older adults. These may include: matters pertaining to veterans of military and related services; matters pertaining to aging in the Texas HHS; matters pertaining to adult guardianship and grandparent protection and support; matters dealing with support for older adults with disabilities; matters affecting older adult property owners' rights to include property taxes, annexation and zoning.

___ **UTILITIES and NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE.** Address matters that consider all agricultural, environmental, natural resources and utilities issues, especially as they affect older adults. These may include: problems and issues particularly affecting rural areas, including issues related to rural economic development and the provision of and access to infrastructure; matters pertaining to the conservation of energy and natural resources; matters pertaining to the state's water supply, storage, availability, movement and development of new sources; matters pertaining to air, land, and water pollution and regulation of waste disposal; developing alternative energy sources and increasing energy efficiency throughout the state; regulation and deregulation of electrical utilities and telecommunication utilities.

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