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Senate Transportation & Homeland Security Interim Charges Announced

Committee to Examine Response to Wildfires & Emergency Preparations

THE WOODLANDS ~ Senator Tommy Williams, Chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee reported Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has issued select Interim Charges dealing with the state's drought conditions and wildfires.

Prior to the next legislative session, the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee has been tasked to study and report on the following:

- Review state, local and federal emergency preparation and response efforts pertaining to protecting lives, property and natural resources from wild land fire
- Consider ways to facilitate better communication, collaboration and response between all state agencies and stakeholders involved in wildfire prevention, mitigation and control
- Review training of emergency responders to ensure they have the appropriate skills to respond to wildfire events
- Review best practices in urban forest management and fuel reduction policies, both regulatory as well as voluntary to promote safe firefighting operations.

"I'm glad to have the opportunity for the committee to work on these issues," said Senator Williams. "All regions of our state have been impacted by unusual drought and destructive fires and it's important we know how to effectively protect our families and responders, as well as use best methods to safeguard our state's natural resources."

Senator Williams represents Senate District 4 covering all or portions of Jefferson, Orange, Chambers, Liberty, Harris and Montgomery Counties. Williams serves as Chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee and as a member of the Finance, State Affairs, International Relations & Trade Committees and the Senate Select Committee on Redistricting.

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