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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 110



87TH INTERIM UPDATE

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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DISTRICT 110

Dear Constituents,

December was full of celebrations and valued time spent with family and friends. As we begin a new year and look ahead to what's to come, I wish you a joyous and prosperous New Year!

It's a great honor and privilege to represent you, the constituents of District 110, and all of the great people of Texas. Thank you for your support and for trusting me as I work diligently to help improve our communities and to make Texas a better place to live for all.

This newsletter will give you a glimpse into the activities and events that our office has been engaged in during the interim. From town hall meetings to groundbreaking ceremonies, we continue to be intentional about staying connected to our constituents and communities.

Since the conclusion of the 87th Legislative Session, numerous critical issues have been raised regarding the state's approach to foster care, mental health care, and school safety. Committees of the Texas House met throughout the interim to address these and other issues for the legislative session.

I was honored to have been appointed to three Interim House Select Committees by the Speaker of the House. The House Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety, the Legislative Oversight Committee on Community-Based Care Transition, and as the Vice-Chair of the House Select Committee on Health Care Reform.

In addition to the legislative activities, inside, you'll read more about endeavors to improve the quality of life for families in District 110. The new Texas Behavioral Health Center at UT Southwestern will increase access to emergency mental health services, and the Judge Charles R. Rose Community Park will bring green space to southern Dallas.

We appreciate everyone who has contacted our office to voice their opinions, concerns, and ideas on how we can make Texas a better place. Please complete the enclosed survey and share issues that are important to you and your family. In the spirit of unity, let us continue working together to move our great state forward through the legislative process.

Please continue to contact our office regarding your concerns. Your input is invaluable in making our community and our state stronger. Please do not hesitate to email us at district110.rose@house.texas.gov or call us at (214) 371-3300.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your State Representative!

Yours for a better Texas!

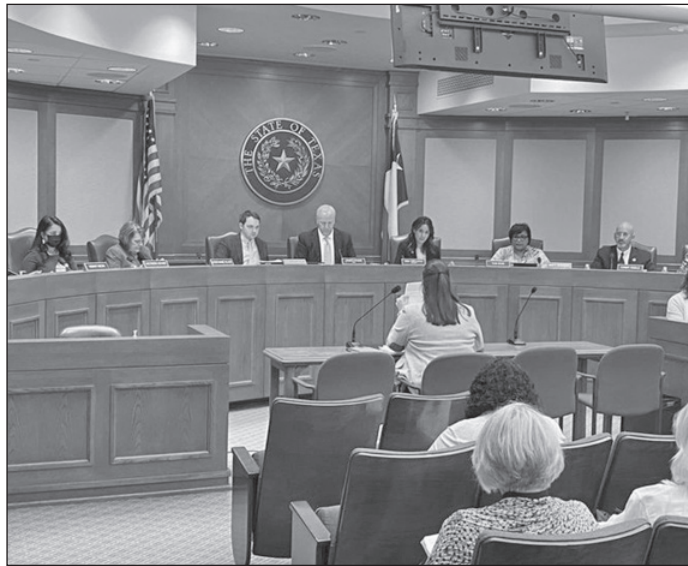
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SELECT COMMITTEES

Representative Rose was appointed to three Select Committees for the 87th interim; the Select Committee on Health Care Reform, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Community-Based Care Transition, and the Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety. She was appointed as Vice-Chair of the Select Committee on Health Care Reform which was charged to study the implications of high healthcare costs on the efficacy of Texas Medicaid and the private health insurance market, monitor how recent price transparency legislation has been implemented, and the effects its had, evaluate new ways to deliver affordable, comprehensive healthcare, study ways to improve outreach to families eligible for Medicaid or CHIP but not enrolled and examine the impacts of delayed care. The committee heard perspectives from all sectors of the healthcare industry, as well as a broad range of advocates in anticipation of numerous pieces of legislation being filed in the 88th Legislative Session.

The Select Committee on Youth Health & Safety studied how to better serve youth through existing programs, including child protective services, mental health services, educational institutions, and the juvenile justice system. The committee also studied the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of Texas youth and the effect that online communication and social media have on our children. After the horrific shootings in Uvalde, the committee's scope was broadened to include studies on how to make our schools safer and prevent mass shootings. Testimony was given by many witnesses, from doctors and law enforcement to mental health advocates and educators, all to create legislation that will help keep our kids safe and healthy.

The Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Community-Based Care Transition was charged with studying the delays Texas has experienced in implementing the Community-Based Care model for foster care. Community-based care is intended to decentralize decision-making in the foster care system by creating catchment areas administered by local child welfare organizations that better know their communities. The goals are to place children in the least restrictive settings possible, minimize the number of moves that disrupt children's educations and personal connections, and place children with relatives if reunification is impossible. The committee heard from witnesses in both the legacy and the Community-Based Care systems on the challenges and successes of moving to this model.



The Human Services Committee meets to strengthen safeguards for youth in state-licensed facilities.

STANDING COMMITTEES

House Committee on Human Services

Throughout the interim, the House Committee on Human Services continued to monitor the agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction as well as the implementation of bills from the 87th Regular Session relating to Medicaid and lowering the number of children removed from homes based on factors that have more to do with poverty than abuse or neglect. The Committee studied what further action is needed to improve the safety and quality of the foster care system. It also examined the causes for children without placement, assessed the safety concerns for those children, and how and why these children frequently enter the juvenile justice and adult criminal justice systems. The Committee will make recommendations on reducing the interest list for waiver services for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and examined the long-term services and support system of care in Texas. A large part of the conversation on most of these topics revolved around workforce shortages that are being experienced by both state agencies and the private healthcare sector. More discussion, and legislation, are expected in the 88th Regular Session.

House Committee on Appropriations

As always, the House Committee on Appropriations had a busy interim. The Committee spent many hours monitoring the implementation of the budget and other bills from the 87th Regular Session. In addition, the Committee reviewed the IT supporting the Texas Medicaid Program and was tasked with finding ways to improve interoperability between systems, ensure the functionality is aligned with the needs of the Medicaid Program, reduce administrative burdens, provide cost savings and create better transparency. The Committee also reviewed the use of federal dollars by the Texas Education Agency and school districts to address students' instructional loss and mental health challenges that resulted from COVID-19. The Committee will make recommendations for installing climate control equipment in state correctional facilities.



Groundbreaking for Judge Charles R. Rose Community Park

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The groundbreaking of Judge Charles R. Rose Community Park in the Highland Hills neighborhood was held on June 7th. The 40-acre park is within a mile of Paul Quinn College and will serve more than 3,500 nearby residents. It will be the second park completed as part of the Trust for Public Land’s Five Mile Creek Greenbelt master plan to bring green areas to the long-ignored areas of southern Dallas. As council member Tennell Atkins said, “we finally got our forty acres.” Representative Rose will be forever grateful to the Texas Legislature, the Trust for Public Land, and the many philanthropic organizations that made the park possible. The park is dedicated to her father for his years of devoted public service.

“Beat The Heat” Fan & Air Conditioning Giveaway

Representative Rose was thrilled to join TXU Energy and For Oak Cliff for their “Beat The Heat” event to give away fans to members of the community. During one of the hotter summers in recent memory, it was essential to ensure everyone made it through the heat together.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Representative Rose passed legislation to ensure the newly created 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline would be ready to go live, and on July 16th, it did! Anyone experiencing mental distress or suicidal thoughts can call or text 988 to speak with a crisis counselor immediately. If the counselor determines it is necessary, they can connect the caller with a mobile crisis team for further assistance. The hope is that the number 988 will become as well known for mental health emergencies as 911 is for other emergencies.

Texas Behavioral Health Center at UT Southwestern

In the 87th Legislative Session, Representative Rose led the charge to fund a new mental health facility in the DFW area. On December 2nd, 2022, the ground was officially broken for the Texas Behavioral Health Center at UT Southwestern. The Center will have 200 adult and 96 pediatric beds. The Center will provide acute care for patients in North Texas, as well as step-down and outpatient care. In addition to caring for patients, UT Southwestern’s involvement ensures that world-class research will be conducted to help advance the ability to diagnose and care for mental health patients.



Representative Rose, Senators West and Nelson, and others break ground for the Texas Behavioral Health Center at UT Southwestern

★ CONSTITUENT SURVEY ★

Your opinions are very important and we want to hear from you!

To mail the questionnaire, fold and tape it, with the return address on the outside and apply a stamp.

Please Rank the Following Issues in Order of Importance to You:

- ___ Healthcare/Mental Healthcare
- ___ Education
- ___ Taxes
- ___ Public Safety
- ___ Criminal Justice Reform
- ___ Housing
- ___ Energy
- ___ Economy
- ___ Childcare

Additional Comments:



Representative Rose and members of the Texas Legislative Black Caucus meet with Texas Education Agency Commissioner Mike Morath regarding solutions to eliminate the achievement gap for African American Students.

★ DO YOU HAVE THE 211? ★

Get help and answers with 211, your link to local and state services.

Call 211 for help on the following:

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) - Helps low-income families buy food they need for good health.

MBCC (Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer) - Coverage for uninsured women in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer.

TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) - Providing limited cash assistance to needy dependent children and parents with whom they live. A one-time grant is available to grandparents of children receiving TANF.

TNFP (Texas Nurse-Family Partnership) - A nurse home visitation program improving the health of first-time parents (must be enrolled by the 28th week of pregnancy).

CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) - Providing Medical coverage to children up to 19 that are not already insured.



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