HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Defense & Veterans' Affairs TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, May 14, 2014 PLACE: 111 East Pecan St. San Antonio, TX 78205 CHAIR: Rep. José Menéndez

The Committee on Defense and Veterans' Affairs will meet with the Committee on County Affairs in a joint interim hearing to hear invited testimony only.

The joint hearing will take place at the Wyndham San Antonio Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio Ballroom located at 111 East Pecan Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.

The Committees will meet jointly to investigate the following charge:

Study the implementation of SB 462 (83R). Examine which counties currently have veterans courts, as well as veterans courts in other states, and determine how those programs are working and whether these courts provide additional services or resources for veterans. Make appropriate recommendations. (Joint charge with the House Committee on County Affairs)

The Defense and Veterans' Affairs Committee will also investigate the following charge:

Monitor the implementation of HB 2392 (83R), Peer-to-Peer Mental Health Program, administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, particularly the interface with local mental health authorities and veterans' groups, with a focus on issues related to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

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