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## **SUNSET COMMISSION REVIEW BEGINS**

**GUILLEN, OTHER MEMBERS PREPARE TO EXAMINE AGENCY REPORTS**

**AUSTIN** – The Sunset Advisory Commission met Thursday to discuss the Sunset process and procedure before hearing testimony from a number of agencies under review. Thursday's hearing was the first of this cycle, in which the commission will be reviewing the Texas Department of Transportation, the Railroad Commission of Texas, all of the governing boards for the medical industry, the State Bar of Texas, as well as several river authorities. As the process continues, State Representative Ryan Guillen (D- District 31) is eager to review the reports from commission staff regarding the operations and management of these important state agencies.

**"State agencies play a direct role in key facets of our everyday lives, from the water we drink to the roads we travel. The Sunset process gives [the legislature] a great opportunity to review unique challenges facing each agency and to ensure best practices for our constituents." said Guillen. "I look forward to reviewing staff reports and working with them to address the key issues next session."**

Thursday's meeting was an opportunity for the individuals and agencies to provide testimony before the committee regarding a number of agencies under review. The Sunset Advisory Commission is tasked with providing legislative oversight of the many parts of State Government. The Commission aims to evaluate the programs and functions of state agencies which are placed under review and assess the need for the continuation of an agency or programs within it.

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