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Speaker Appoints Rep. Trey Wharton to Prominent Committees

Austin, TX - Speaker Dustin Burrows appointed State Rep. Trey Wharton (HD-12) to the Texas House Committee on Corrections and the Committee on Insurance.

The House Committee on Corrections has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the incarceration and rehabilitation of convicted felons, the establishment and maintenance of programs that provide alternatives to incarceration, as well as oversight of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), the Special Prosecution Unit, the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments.

TDCJ houses over 135,000 inmates and nearly 32,000 employees, most of whom are frontline workers. Texas spends billions annually on its corrections system, and Walker County has the highest number of state prisons and jails of all the counties in Texas.

"It's critical that tax dollars are being spent wisely, that TDCJ employees are kept safe, and ways to increase the effectiveness of incarceration, rehabilitation, and re-entry programs are identified," said Rep. Wharton.

The House Committee on Insurance has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the policies and practices of insurance and the insurance industry in Texas, along with oversight of the Texas Department of Insurance.

"Ensuring fair operation and compliance with state laws, consumer protection, and elimination of fraud and excessive premium increases is essential as millions of Texans are affected," said Rep. Wharton.

"I am grateful to be appointed to these committees, and I look forward to learning from stakeholders, contributing my experience, and helping to develop meaningful, common-sense policies. I am eager to get to work," said Rep. Wharton.

Rep. Wharton represents Brazos (part), Grimes, Madison, Robertson, Walker, and Washington Counties. Trey's strong leadership and lifelong commitment to service make him a steadfast advocate for the values and needs of the people in House District 12.

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