

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
HEARINGS ACTIVITY REPORT (HARP)
March 1st, 2026 – August 31st, 2026

INTRODUCTION

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) serves as an independent, neutral forum providing fair and efficient hearings process and the opportunity for alternative dispute resolution proceedings, in accordance with Chapter 2003 of the Texas Government Code. This Hearings Activity Report (HARP) provides detailed information about SOAH' caseload, including SOAH's associated cost of service, during the designated reporting period. HARP is prepared and submitted in accordance with Rider 5 of SOAH's appropriation bill pattern.

Hearings Activity Report: By May 1st and November 1st of each fiscal year, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor a report detailing hearings activity conducted during the prior two fiscal year quarters. The report shall indicate in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, for each agency served by method of finance, the projected and actual person hours allocated to the agency's cases and the cost, both direct and indirect, of conducting the hearings. The report shall also indicate in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, for each agency served, the projected and actual number of cases received, the number of cases disposed, and the median number of calendar days between the date a case is received by SOAH and the date the case is finally disposed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board during the reporting period. (S.B. 1, General Appropriations Act, 2026-2027 Biennium, Eighty-Ninth Legislature, Regular Session, Article 8.)

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This volume of HARP covers the period March 1st, 2026 – August 31st, 2026.

HARP Part I – Cases summarizes information by agency for actual pending cases, cases received, cases disposed, and median days at SOAH. It also includes Fiscal Year 2027 first half projections.

HARP Part II – Hours and Expenses summarizes hours and costs by referring agency within each method of finance. It also contains the projected hours and costs for each agency for the first half of Fiscal Year 2027. These projections are based on amounts included in the Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) adjusted by the most current information available to SOAH. Please note for simplicity, Groundwater Conservation Districts are listed as agency code 900 and appeals of Appraisal Review Board (ARB) orders are listed as agency code 940.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY FOR THE CURRENT PERIOD

HARP Part I

ALR Cases:

ALR cases received increased from 12,081 in the prior reporting period to 13,543 in this reporting period. Cases disposed increased from 11,090 in the prior reporting period to 12,398 during this reporting period.

General Docket Cases:

General docket cases referred increased from 1,638 in the prior reporting period to 2,013 during this reporting period. Cases disposed decreased from 2,028 in the prior reporting period to 1,739 during this reporting period.

HARP Part II

Hourly Cost:

ALR cases cost \$157.48 per ALJ billable hour, and General Docket cases were \$168.46. General Revenue (GR) funded cases cost \$163.34 per ALJ billable hour, and Interagency Contracts (IAC) cases were \$167.60. The rate swing by agency in this reporting period ranged from \$132.00 to \$199.53 per ALJ billable hour. The overall rate for the current period is \$165.19, an increase from the prior reporting period of \$150.33.

The projected GR rate for the first half of Fiscal Year 2027 is \$167.93. The projected IAC rate for the first half of Fiscal Year 2027 is \$165.00. The projected overall rate for the first half of Fiscal Year 2027 is \$166.66.

Fluctuations in hourly rates are directly attributable to the salary and classification mix of ALJs assigned to cases and to the overall hours worked on cases. SOAH does not assign ALJs to cases by funding source, but by subject matter, experience, expertise, and as

dictated by the workload. Because the funding source does not dictate the ALJ that works on a case, in any given period, or for any given agency, rebalancing the caseload impacts the allocation of costs and, thus, the hourly rate.

HARP PART I - CASES: DEFINITION OF TERMS

The table in this section lists each agency, identified by name and agency number, served during the reporting period, and provides a summary of the following measured events for those agencies, as applicable:

NUMBER OF CASES PENDING AT START OF REPORTING PERIOD - Active cases pending at the beginning of the reporting period that were carried forward from the end of the prior reporting period into the next.

NUMBER OF CASES RECEIVED - Only cases initially docketed at SOAH during the reporting period. Therefore, if casework time is shown but no cases were received during the reporting period, this indicates the time worked was on a case initiated in a prior reporting period.

NUMBER OF CASES DISPOSED - Includes all matters resolved (*e.g.*, by proposal for decision, final order, settlement, or dismissal) during the reporting period irrespective of when the case was referred to SOAH. If the number of cases disposed exceeds the number of cases received, it indicates that some of the cases disposed during the reporting period were docketed at SOAH in a prior reporting period.

CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF CASES PENDING AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD - The number of active cases pending at the close of the reporting period that will be carried forward into the next reporting period.

MEDIAN DAYS AT SOAH - Approximates the median time from filing to final disposition that cases were pending on the SOAH docket.

HARP PART II - HOURS AND EXPENSES: DEFINITION OF TERMS

The table in this section lists by agency the total hours and costs, as described below, for the reporting period, sorted by method of finance.

HOURS - The total amount of actual case-related time.

DIRECT SALARIES - Actual salary cost of all hours related to the respective agency or docket during the reporting period.

COURT COST - Total direct court costs (interpreters, court reporters, and transcripts) associated with conducting the hearing and performing other work on a particular case.

TRAVEL COST - Total direct travel costs (transportation, lodging, and meals) associated with conducting the hearing and performing other work on a particular case.

TOTAL DIRECT - Sum of Total Salaries, Court Cost, and Travel Cost.

TOTAL INDIRECT - The costs associated with supporting the hearings activity and allocated to each case on a pro rata basis. These costs include personnel and operating costs for the Clerk's Office, Legal Services, Hearings support staff, and Hearings management. Includes all non-case related ALJ costs and all leave time taken.

TOTAL ADMIN - Reflects the total administrative costs allocated to each case on a pro rata basis. These costs include personnel and operating costs for Executive Management, Finance, General Counsel, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Records.

PROJECTED HOURS - Projected hours for the related agency during the specified time frame.

PROJECTED COST - Projected cost attributable to the related agency during the specified time frame.

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Hearings Activity Report (HARP) Part I - Cases

Date Range: 03/01/2026 to 08/31/2026

Agency Number	Agency Name	Number of Cases Pending Start of Reporting Period	Number of Cases Received	Number of Cases Disposed	Cumulative Number of Cases Pending at End of Reporting Period	Median Days at SOAH	Projections		
							Projected Cases Received	Projected Cases Disposed	Projected Median Days at SOAH
302	Office of the Texas Attorney General	74	222	243	53	3	249	278	3
304	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	79	137	143	73	83	133	122	80
307	Texas Secretary of State	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	55
312	Texas State Securities Board	4	3	2	5	872	1	2	1,014
323	Teacher Retirement System of Texas	3	1	3	1	160	2	1	80
327	Employees Retirement System of Texas	5	5	4	6	147	5	3	136
329	Texas Real Estate Commission - Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board	8	19	9	18	105	13	14	146
332	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs	1	3	1	3	62	2	1	62
338	Texas State Pension Review Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187
362	Texas Lottery Commission	7	0	0	7	0	0	17	20
405	Texas Department of Public Safety	6,015	13,605	12,388	7,232	85	12,808	11,754	81
407	Texas Commission on Law Enforcement	50	8	26	32	478	6	37	320
409	Commission on Jail Standards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
450	Texas Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	45
451	Texas Department of Banking	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
452	Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation	72	166	141	97	43	168	142	42
453	Texas Workers Compensation Commission	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
454	Texas Department of Insurance	1,652	72	125	1,599	3,249	60	295	3,525
456	Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners	7	10	11	6	106	12	9	68
458	Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission	9	6	8	7	70	8	10	70
459	Texas Board of Architectural Examiners	5	1	4	2	93	3	2	78
460	Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveying	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
466	Texas Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99
473	Public Utility Commission of Texas	177	94	100	171	144	111	93	157
476	Texas Racing Commission	7	8	7	8	161	9	5	126
503	Texas Medical Board	30	13	22	21	80	13	22	170
504	Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	12	18	12	18	76	14	19	114

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							Projected Cases Received	Projected Cases Disposed	Projected Median Days at SOAH
507	Texas Board of Nursing	100	214	161	153	85	186	176	94
508	Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners	2	0	1	1	3,129	0	0	1,564
510	Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council	5	14	13	6	37	11	13	101
513	Texas Funeral Service Commission	2	0	1	1	362	0	1	233
514	Texas Optometry Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	342
515	Texas State Board of Pharmacy	12	15	10	17	122	14	8	97
529	Texas Health and Human Services Commission	301	261	195	367	231	217	196	219
530	Department of Family and Protective Services	123	297	144	276	131	207	89	137
533	Executive Council of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	55
537	Texas Department of State Health Services	30	53	33	50	121	41	29	141
554	Texas Animal Health Commission	12	3	12	3	176	7	8	281
578	Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	3	6	5	4	142	4	5	123
582	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	50	42	34	58	96	38	38	129
601	Texas Department of Transportation	7	4	2	9	315	3	2	414
608	Texas Department of Motor Vehicles	37	63	66	34	52	54	58	57
701	Texas Education Agency	127	253	221	159	63	244	213	63
729	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	145
781	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	276
802	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	170
900	Groundwater Conservation District	3	0	1	2	433	0	2	394
940	Appraisal Review Board	9	18	8	19	180	18	37	132
Total for 48 Agencies:		9,045	15,639	14,156	10,528	N/A	14,662	13,703	N/A

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Hearings Activity Report (HARP) Part II - Hours and Expenses
Date Range: 03/01/2026 to 08/31/2026

										Projections 09/01/2026 - 02/28/2027	
Agy #	Agency Name	Hours	Direct Salaries	Court Cost	Travel Cost	Total Direct	Total Indirect	Total Admin	Case Total	Total Hours	Case Total
General Revenue											
307	Secretary of State	1	\$ 36.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36.00	\$ 46.80	\$ 12.40	\$ 95.20	10	\$ 1,637.29
312	State Securities Board	55	\$ 3,170.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,170.70	\$ 4,128.20	\$ 1,354.90	\$ 8,653.80	36	\$ 6,003.40
323	Teacher Retirement System of Texas	75	\$ 5,325.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,325.80	\$ 6,934.10	\$ 1,864.60	\$ 14,124.50	53	\$ 8,816.18
327	Employees Retirement System of Texas	126	\$ 8,089.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,089.30	\$ 10,532.20	\$ 3,132.50	\$ 21,753.90	84	\$ 14,105.89
332	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs	11	\$ 698.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 698.40	\$ 909.30	\$ 267.30	\$ 1,875.00	8	\$ 1,368.61
338	State Pension Review Board	0	\$ 14.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14.50	\$ 18.90	\$ 6.20	\$ 39.60	13	\$ 2,208.24
362	Texas Lottery Commission	1	\$ 33.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.70	\$ 43.80	\$ 12.40	\$ 89.90	54	\$ 8,984.11
405	Department of Public Safety	991	\$ 55,219.80	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 55,569.80	\$ 71,895.70	\$ 24,624.50	\$ 152,090.10	972	\$ 163,267.27
405	Department of Public Safety - ALR	13,759	\$ 790,943.40	\$ 3,949.20	\$ -	\$ 794,892.60	\$ 1,029,801.10	\$ 342,046.30	\$ 2,166,740.00	12,769	\$ 2,144,284.10
407	Texas Commission on Law Enforcement	182	\$ 11,047.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,047.30	\$ 14,383.50	\$ 4,524.70	\$ 29,955.50	520	\$ 87,364.15
452	Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation	1,084	\$ 62,649.80	\$ 3,960.00	\$ -	\$ 66,609.80	\$ 81,569.50	\$ 26,936.60	\$ 175,115.90	1,023	\$ 171,789.58
454	Texas Department of Insurance	369	\$ 22,657.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,657.70	\$ 29,500.10	\$ 9,179.80	\$ 61,337.60	535	\$ 89,782.31
456	Board of Plumbing Examiners	296	\$ 19,481.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,481.30	\$ 25,364.50	\$ 7,365.00	\$ 52,210.80	190	\$ 31,931.37
458	Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission	182	\$ 10,038.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,038.00	\$ 13,069.40	\$ 4,524.70	\$ 27,632.10	179	\$ 29,975.01
473	Public Utility Commission of Texas	5,662	\$ 364,129.40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 364,129.40	\$ 474,093.10	\$ 140,767.60	\$ 978,990.10	4,544	\$ 763,023.66
476	Texas Racing Commission	199	\$ 14,077.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,077.60	\$ 18,328.90	\$ 4,941.10	\$ 37,347.60	133	\$ 22,380.50
503	Texas Medical Board	561	\$ 35,432.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,432.70	\$ 46,133.00	\$ 13,934.40	\$ 95,500.10	578	\$ 97,103.93
504	State Board of Dental Examiners	329	\$ 19,792.30	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 20,592.30	\$ 25,769.30	\$ 8,185.40	\$ 54,547.00	312	\$ 52,397.50
507	Texas Board of Nursing	1,698	\$ 107,062.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 107,062.00	\$ 139,393.70	\$ 42,213.50	\$ 288,669.20	1,572	\$ 263,981.64
508	Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners	0	\$ 18.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18.00	\$ 23.40	\$ 6.20	\$ 47.60	7	\$ 1,095.73
510	Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council	86	\$ 5,367.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,367.10	\$ 6,987.90	\$ 2,138.00	\$ 14,493.00	119	\$ 19,941.36
513	Texas Funeral Service Commission	13	\$ 828.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 828.90	\$ 1,079.20	\$ 329.40	\$ 2,237.60	23	\$ 3,824.54
514	Texas Optometry Board	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1	\$ 209.91
515	Texas State Board of Pharmacy	410	\$ 26,512.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,512.30	\$ 34,518.80	\$ 10,192.90	\$ 71,224.10	218	\$ 36,587.15
533	Executive Council of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners	17	\$ 1,252.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,252.00	\$ 1,630.10	\$ 410.20	\$ 3,292.30	22	\$ 3,673.41
578	State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	258	\$ 17,026.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,026.50	\$ 22,168.30	\$ 6,407.90	\$ 45,602.60	169	\$ 28,362.91
601	Texas Department of Transportation	172	\$ 11,410.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,410.20	\$ 14,856.00	\$ 4,269.80	\$ 30,536.10	209	\$ 35,059.01
781	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	47	\$ 7,850.60
802	Parks and Wildlife Department	3	\$ 158.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 158.00	\$ 205.80	\$ 68.40	\$ 432.20	8	\$ 1,326.63
General Revenue Total		26,537	\$ 1,592,473.00	\$ 9,059.00	\$ -	\$ 1,601,532.00	\$ 2,073,385.00	\$ 659,717.00	\$ 4,334,633.00	24,405	\$ 4,098,336.00
Inter Agency Contracts											
302	Attorney General	254	\$ 15,238.00	\$ 232.70	\$ -	\$ 15,470.60	\$ 19,839.70	\$ 6,320.80	\$ 41,631.20	317	\$ 52,305.00
304	Comptroller of Public Accounts	2,469	\$ 168,684.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,684.90	\$ 219,626.20	\$ 61,387.30	\$ 449,698.50	2,130	\$ 351,450.00
329	Texas Real Estate Commission	119	\$ 7,400.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,400.10	\$ 9,634.80	\$ 2,958.40	\$ 19,993.30	244	\$ 40,260.00
409	Texas Commission on Jail Standards	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1	\$ 165.00
450	Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending	2	\$ 161.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 161.80	\$ 210.70	\$ 55.90	\$ 428.40	2	\$ 330.00
451	Texas Department of Banking	4	\$ 247.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 247.50	\$ 322.20	\$ 105.70	\$ 675.40	2	\$ 330.00
454	Texas Department of Insurance - Workers Compensation	210	\$ 13,123.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,123.90	\$ 17,087.20	\$ 5,214.50	\$ 35,425.60	676	\$ 111,540.00
459	Texas Board of Architectural Examiners	22	\$ 1,274.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,274.70	\$ 1,659.60	\$ 540.70	\$ 3,475.10	14	\$ 2,310.00
460	Texas Board of Professional Engineers	14	\$ 786.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 786.10	\$ 1,023.50	\$ 335.60	\$ 2,145.30	8	\$ 1,320.00
466	Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1	\$ 165.00
469	Credit Union Department	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -
473	Public Utility Commission of Texas - Waste Water	3,264	\$ 203,907.50	\$ -	\$ 116.20	\$ 204,023.70	\$ 265,485.70	\$ 81,151.60	\$ 550,661.00	2,800	\$ 462,000.00
529	Health and Human Services Commission	2,770	\$ 159,690.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 159,690.10	\$ 207,915.10	\$ 68,870.40	\$ 436,475.60	2,874	\$ 474,210.00
530	Department of Family and Protective Services	2,458	\$ 139,085.50	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 139,485.50	\$ 181,088.00	\$ 61,113.90	\$ 381,687.40	1,575	\$ 259,875.00
537	Department of State Health Services	253	\$ 15,340.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,340.80	\$ 19,973.50	\$ 6,296.00	\$ 41,610.30	191	\$ 31,515.00
554	Texas Animal Health Commission	43	\$ 2,585.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,585.90	\$ 3,366.80	\$ 1,069.00	\$ 7,021.70	33	\$ 5,445.00
582	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	1,174	\$ 73,833.30	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 74,433.30	\$ 96,130.30	\$ 29,174.10	\$ 199,737.70	1,153	\$ 190,245.00
608	Texas Department of Motor Vehicles	306	\$ 19,552.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,552.70	\$ 25,457.50	\$ 7,601.20	\$ 52,611.40	292	\$ 48,180.00
701	Texas Education Agency	555	\$ 36,318.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,318.80	\$ 47,286.80	\$ 13,791.50	\$ 97,397.10	671	\$ 110,715.00

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701	Texas Education Agency - IDEA	5,370	\$ 337,459.30	\$ 1,499.30	\$ -	\$ 338,958.60	\$ 439,368.90	\$ 133,495.90	\$ 911,823.40	5,263	\$ 868,395.00
	Interagency Contracts Total	19,287	\$ 1,194,691.00	\$ 2,732.00	\$ 116.00	\$ 1,197,539.00	\$ 1,555,477.00	\$ 479,483.00	\$ 3,232,498.00	18,247	\$ 3,010,755.00
Other											
710	Texas A&M University System	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -
729	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	121	\$ 8,290.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,290.90	\$ 10,794.70	\$ 3,008.10	\$ 22,093.80	70	\$ 11,488.13
900	Groundwater Conservation Districts	142	\$ 8,187.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,187.90	\$ 10,660.60	\$ 3,517.80	\$ 22,366.30	71	\$ 11,673.75
940	Appraisal Review Boards	88	\$ 5,962.60	\$ -	\$ 91.60	\$ 6,054.20	\$ 7,763.20	\$ 2,175.30	\$ 15,992.70	165	\$ 27,163.13
	Other Total	350	\$ 22,441.00	\$ -	\$ 92.00	\$ 22,533.00	\$ 29,219.00	\$ 8,701.00	\$ 60,453.00	305	\$ 50,325.00
	Agency Total	46,174	\$ 2,809,605.00	\$ 11,791.00	\$ 208.00	\$ 2,821,604.00	\$ 3,658,081.00	\$ 1,147,901.00	\$ 7,627,584.00	42,957	\$ 7,159,416