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County Affairs Chair Garnet Coleman to Hold Hearing to Investigate New Sandra Bland Evidence

AUSTIN, TX – On Tuesday, May 7th, 2019, Representative Garnet Coleman (D-Houston) released the following statement:

"As Chair of the House Committee on County Affairs, I plan on holding a hearing before the end of the 86th Legislative Session in light of the new evidence in the Sandra Bland Case. I will be asking the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Attorney General to testify.

The House Committee on County Affairs that I chair held five hearings during the 84th Interim investigating the death of Ms. Bland. Last session, I passed the Sandra Bland Act which added new de-escalation training for law enforcement, increased jailer training, new traffic stop data, funding for inmate safety and jail diversion, and outside investigation of jail deaths among other important criminal justice and mental health policies.

During the 85th Interim, the Committee continued its work to ensure proper implementation of the Sandra Bland Act. The House Committee on County Affairs intends to continue our work on Ms. Bland's case and the new revelations."

Please see attached for an information packet on the Sandra Bland Act.

Representative Coleman is available for comment

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