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Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security Committee to discuss strategic importance of military installations, youth readiness

Sen. Rodriguez to attend San Antonio hearing

Austin – The Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Border Security will have a hearing tomorrow (Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018) to review interim charges related to the strategic importance of military installations and military youth readiness in Texas. The interim charges to be discussed are as follows:

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- **Military Installation:** Identify opportunities to promote the strategic importance of military installations in Texas. Study the impact of the Aviation, Aerospace, & Defense manufacturing industry on the economic vitality of military installations and communities. Identify potential strategic partnerships between this industry and military communities which would enhance key strategic assets.
- **Military Youth Readiness:** Evaluate the current readiness and fitness of Texas youth for entering military service over the next 5-10 years. Identify any additional economic impact to the state should youth not meet physical requirements or required academic performance.

The hearing begins at **10 a.m. CST** in San Antonio (9 a.m. MST in El Paso).

José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Economic Development; Transportation; Veteran Affairs and Border Security; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs (Vice Chair).