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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

8:00 AM

Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Economic Development was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bob Deuell, Chair

Senator Kelly Hancock, Vice Chair

Senator Wendy Davis

Senator Kevin Eltife

Senator Kirk Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell

Senator Troy Fraser

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1833 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock moved that SB 1833 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Deuell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1391 and recognized the author, Senator Davis, to explain the bill.

Senator Davis sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Davis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell moved that the committee substitute for SB 1391 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock assumed the chair. The chair laid out SB 1537 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill.

Senator Deuell sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Deuell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Watson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that SB 1537 do not pass but that CSSB 1537 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell resumed the chair. The chair laid out SB 844 and recognized Senator Davis, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Davis moved that SB 844 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

Senator Davis moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 507 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Deuell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 894 and recognized the author, Senator Whitmire, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Whitmire to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Watson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that SB 507 do not pass but that CSSB 507 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Watson moved that SB 894 do not pass but that CSSB 894 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Hancock assumed the chair. The chair laid out SB 997 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Deuell moved that SB 997 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Eltife moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson assumed the chair. The chair laid out SB 1647 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that SB 1647 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell resumed the chair. The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 248 and recognized the author, Senator Davis, to explain the bill.

Senator Davis moved that SB 248 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

There being no further business, at 9:53 AM Senator Deuell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bob Deuell, Chair

Alex Karam, Clerk