

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Monday, May 11, 2015

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations was held on Monday, May 11, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt, Vice Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Sylvia Garcia  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Larry Taylor

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Robert Nichols

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

The chair laid out HB 2033 and recognized the sponsor Senator Zaffirini to explain the bill. The chair laid out the committee substitute and called on Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the bill and the committee substitute. 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. The chair left the bill pending.

The chair laid out HB 1422 and recognized the sponsor Senator Zaffirini to explain the bill. The chair laid out HB 1422. 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. The chair left the bill pending.

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The chair laid out HB 1596 and recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 Lucio moved that HB 1596 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Lucio moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair recognized the clerk to call the roll. A quorum was established at 9:01am. Senators Bettencourt and Menendez arrived after roll call.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2033 sponsor Zaffirini and the committee substitute. Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted. Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2033 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for HB 2033 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present no voting and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 797 and recognized the sponsor Senator Hall 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 Campbell moved that HB 797 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business from earlier in the hearing HB 1422 sponsor Zaffirini. Senator Lucio moved that HB 1422 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present not voting and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 2557 and recognized the sponsor Senator West 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 Menendez moved that HB 2557 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Menendez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out HB 2519 and recognized the sponsor Senator Garcia to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 Garcia moved that HB 2519 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Garcia moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menendez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3187 and recognized the sponsor Senator Lucio to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 Lucio moved that HB 3187 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Garcia submitted a motion in writing indicating to vote aye. Senator Lucio moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 274 and recognized the sponsor Senator Lucio 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 Lucio moved that HB 274 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Garcia submitted a motion in writing form indicating to vote aye.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 995 and recognized the sponsor Senator Rodriguez to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 Garcia moved that HB 995 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Garcia moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2552 and recognized the sponsor Senator Rodriguez to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 Campbell moved that HB 2552

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be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2599 and recognized the sponsor Senator Kolkhorst 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 2599 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 4127 and recognized the sponsor Senator Lucio to explain the bill. Witnesses 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 Lucio moved that HB 4127 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Garcia submitted a motion in writing form indicating voting aye. Senator Lucio moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1415 and recognized the sponsor Senator Lucio 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 Lucio moved that HB 1415 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Garcia submitted a motion in writing form indicating voting aye. Senator Lucio moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2072 and recognized the sponsor Senator Campbell 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 Garcia moved that SB 2072 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

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The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Garcia submitted a motion in writing form indicating voting aye. Senator Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2038 and recognized the sponsor Senator Taylor 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 Taylor moved that HB 2038 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Garcia submitted a motion in writing form indicating voting aye. Senator Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1883 and committee substitute by Zaffirini, Senator Bettencourt moved to adopt the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair laid out HB 1428, the House companion, in lieu of SB 1883. HB 1428 is the same subject and is eligible for consideration at this time. Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1428 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 1 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved to approved the minutes of the previous IGR hearing on May 7, 2015; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair

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Donna Chatham, Clerk

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