

## **MINUTES**

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

Monday, April 13, 2015

9:30 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, April 13, 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 Robert Nichols  
Senator Larry Taylor

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Taylor.

Senator Bettencourt moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on March 30, 2015; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 1092 and the committee substitute considered during the March 30, 2015 hearing. Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute SB 1092 be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted.

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Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1092 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 1092 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Taylor submitted a Motion in Writing form to show voting “aye” on the committee substitute for SB 1092.

Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute for SB 1092 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author, to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 1281. Senator Campbell moved that SB 1281 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 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Taylor submitted a Motion in Writing form to show voting “aye” on SB 1281.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 1281 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1348 and recognized Senator Garcia to send up the committee substitute. Chair recognized Senator Hinojosa, author of the bill, to explain the difference between the bill and the substitute. Senator Garcia moved that the committee substitute for SB 1348 be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 1348 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 1348 be reported back 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 committee substitute for SB 1348 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1461 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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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 SB 1461 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2034 and recognized the author, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 2034 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1453 and recognized Senator Menéndez, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio moved that SB 1453 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1162 and recognized Senator Taylor, 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 Lucio moved that SB 1162 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1780 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 SB 1780 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1454 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

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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 the bill and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1147 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Lucio sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson 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 Lucio moved that the bill and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1563 and recognized the author, Senator Eltife, to explain the bill.

Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Eltife 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 Lucio moved that the bill and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1781 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 SB 1781 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1760 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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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 SB 1760 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 12:38 PM Senator Lucio 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