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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, May 25, 2015

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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 25, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senators Bettencourt, Taylor and Campbell.

Senator Nichols moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on May 18, 2015; May 19, 2015 and May 21, 2015; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 91 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carlos Uresti, to explain the bill. Senator José Menéndez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Uresti to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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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. The chair moved that the bill be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1307 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Craig Estes, to explain the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that HB 1307 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing form indicting to vote aye. 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 2201 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Craig Estes, to explain the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Menendez moved that HB 2201 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing form indicting to vote aye. Senator Menendez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2655 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Craig Estes, to explain the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 2655 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing form indicting to vote aye. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out pending business HB 1723 and recognized Senator Garcia, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Garcia to explain the difference between the committee substitute. Senator Garcia moved that HB 1723 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 3 absent.

The chair laid out HB 2257 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that HB 2257 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, 0 nays, 0 present

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not voting and 2 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 1949 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Nichols moved that HB 1949 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3532 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Menendez moved that HB 3532 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HCR 111 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that HCR 111 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 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 4148 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that HB 4148 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 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 3175 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that HB 3175 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent.

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The chair laid out HB 3186 and recognized the Senator Menendez, to explain the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that HB 3186 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing form indicting to vote aye. 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 2162 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Ellis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The chair closed public testimony. Senator Campbell moved that HB 2162 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent

Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2977 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Ellis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio moved that the committee substitute be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted. Senator Lucio moved that SB 2977 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 2977 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 no voting and 1 absent. Senators Campbell and Bettencourt Garcia submitted motion in writing forms indicating to vote aye.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2259 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Ellis to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. . Senator Lucio moved that the committee substitute be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted. Senator Campbell moved that SB 2259 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 2259 be reported

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back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present no voting and 1 absent.

The chair laid out HB 3167 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator Bettencourt brought up the sub and Senator Perry explained the difference between the bill and the substitute. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 3167 be reported back to the full senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 3167 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 no voting and 1 absent.. Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair reconvened the meeting upon adjournment of the senate to hear pending business.

The chair laid pending business HB 91 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Carlos Uresti, to explain the bill. Senator José Menéndez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Uresti to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Witnesses testifying and/or 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 moved that the bill be left pending; 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.

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair

Donna Chatham, Clerk