

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Pete Flores
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Royce West
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Charles Schwertner

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair made opening remarks.

The Committee heard invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program -

Review the expenditure of funds appropriated to the Texas Film Commission for the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program (TMIIP) by the 88th Legislature and assess the effectiveness of the program in promoting media production and stimulating local economies through job creation and business growth. Analyze application trends before and after the appropriation, with attention to high-profile or large-budget productions. Additionally, review other states and international incentive programs and evaluate Texas's workforce and educational needs in media production. Provide recommendations to improve the TMIIP's transparency and enhance Texas's competitive position.

School Enrollment Trends -

Study post-pandemic student enrollment trends, and examine the possible causes behind the shift in student enrollment, including the rise in homeschooling, micro-schools, and other parental choice options. Make recommendations to ensure parents and educators have the tools and resources needed to respond to the projected enrollment changes and ensure that every child has the best educational options available to learn.

Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

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

There being no further business, at 5:55 PM Senator Hinojosa moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk