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SENATE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

9:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair
Senator Nathan Johnson, Vice Chair
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Mayes Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Mayes Middleton

The Chair laid out HB 660 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. The Chair opened public testimony, and with no one being registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 660 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2671 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. The Chair opened public testimony, and with no one being registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 2671 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2865 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the differences between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The Chair opened public testimony, and with no one being registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 2865 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 3009 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Hughes moved that HB 3009 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 4128 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Hughes moved that HB 4128 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 4183 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, 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 Hughes moved that HB 4183 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 3452 and recognized Senator Middleton, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Middleton to explain the differences between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The Chair opened public testimony, and with no one being registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3452 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2129 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Juan Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the differences between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 Hughes moved that HB 2129 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out and explained HB 2879 in the absence of the Senate sponsor. The Chair opened public testimony, and with no one being registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 2879 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out and explained HB 3331 as the Senate sponsor. 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 Hughes moved that HB 3331 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out and explained HB 3431 as the Senate sponsor. 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 Hughes moved that HB 3431 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out and explained HB 3929 as the Senate sponsor. The Chair opened public testimony, and with no one being registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3929 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out and explained HB 4765 as the Senate sponsor. The Chair opened public testimony, and with no one being registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 4765 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out and explained HB 3129 as the Senate sponsor. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the differences between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The Chair opened public testimony, and with no one being registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3129 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 660. Senator Johnson moved that HB 660 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 0 absent. Senator Johnson 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 HB 2129. Senator Hinojosa moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 2129 do not pass but that CSHB 2129 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 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa 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 HB 2671. Senator Johnson moved that HB 2671 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 0 absent. Senator Johnson 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 HB 2865. Senator Hinojosa moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 2865 do not pass but that CSHB 2865 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 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa 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 HB 2879. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 2879 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 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3009. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 3009 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 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa 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 HB 4128. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 4128 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 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:02 AM Senator Johnson assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3331. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3331 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 0 absent. Senator Hughes 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 HB 3431. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3431 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 0 absent. Senator Hughes 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 HB 3929. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3929 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 0 absent. Senator Hughes 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 HB 4765. Senator Hughes moved that HB 4765 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 0 absent. Senator Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:05 AM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

At 10:05 AM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10, 11.18, and all other necessary rules were suspended to vote on pending business in the Senate Press Room upon adjournment.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3452. Senator Middleton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Middleton moved that HB 3452 do not pass but that CSHB 3452 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4183. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the differences between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Hinojosa moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 4183 do not pass but that CSHB 4183 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 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:23 PM Senator Johnson assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3129. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3129 do not pass but that CSHB 3129 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 4:24 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:25 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

Taryn Taylor, Clerk

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