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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, March 20, 2023

11:00 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 Local Government was held on Monday, March 20, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator Drew Springer, Vice Chair
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Angela Paxton

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Bob Hall

The chair called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 59 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified on SB 59.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 59 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 736 and recognized the author, Senator Whitmire, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Whitmire 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 736 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 158 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 158 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 888 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Perry 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 888 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1088 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 1088 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 736 by Senator Whitmire for a vote:

The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out SB 573 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 12:03 PM Senator Springer assumed the chair.

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

Senator Springer moved that SB 573 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 361 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, 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 Springer moved that SB 361 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 322 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified on SB 322.

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

Senator Springer moved that SB 322 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1250 and recognized Senator Nichols, 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 Springer moved that SB 1250 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:28 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 348 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, 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 SB 348 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 349 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, 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 SB 349 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SJR 28 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, 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.

At 1:32 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 1:39 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

Marissa Pryor, Clerk