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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, April 3, 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, April 3, 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 Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

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The chair laid out SB 2053 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 2053 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2209 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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 2209 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:02 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair passed the gavel to Senator Springer.

The chair laid out SB 2018 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Flores 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 Springer moved that SB 2018 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1990 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt 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 Springer moved that SB 1990 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1991 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 1991 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:29 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1188 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Public testimony was opened with no witnesses registering to testify. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1188 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 319 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill. Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall 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 319 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2147 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Springer 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 2147 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:49 PM Senator Hall moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:36 PM Senator Springer reconvened the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator Drew Springer, Vice Chair
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Roland Gutierrez

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

The chair laid out SB 542 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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 Springer moved that SB 542 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1480 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1480 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1803 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1803 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:33 PM Senator Springer resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1786 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt 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 Springer moved that SB 1786 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1787 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt 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 Springer moved that SB 1787 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2037 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt 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.

At 7:48 PM Senator Springer assumed the chair passed the gavel to Senator Nichols.

At 8:00 PM Senator Springer resumed the chair.

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

Senator Springer moved that SB 2037 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:38 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1412 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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

At 9:08 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair and passed the gavel to Senator Springer.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.
Senator Springer moved that SB 1412 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 62 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator West 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 Springer moved that SB 62 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1730 and recognized Senator West, 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 1730 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 275 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened with no witnesses registering to testify.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.
Senator Springer moved that SB 275 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1651 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, 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 1651 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 2038 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. Senator Parker sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt 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 Springer moved that SB 2038 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:03 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