

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, May 8, 2023

9:45 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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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, May 8, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Sarah Eckhardt  
Senator Roland Gutierrez  
Senator Royce West

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:49 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the chair gaveled in:

Senator Hall  
Senator Nichols  
Senator Parker  
Senator Paxton

The chair laid out HB 3514 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, 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 HB 3514 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out HB 2970 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Flores, 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 HB 2970 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5355 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5355 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5362 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5362 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1989 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1989 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1381 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1381 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2488 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, 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 HB 2488 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out HB 260 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 260 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Roll was called at 10:48 AM – Members absent:

Senator Eckhardt

Senator Gutierrez

Senator West

The chair laid out HB 4073 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 4073 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2701 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator LaMantia, 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 HB 2701 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1454 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1454 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 11:00 AM Senator Springer moved that the Committee stand recessed until 15-30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:35 PM Senator Bettencourt reconvened the meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

Senator Drew Springer, Vice Chair

Senator Sarah Eckhardt

Senator Bob Hall

Senator Robert Nichols

Senator Angela Paxton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Gutierrez

Senator Tan Parker

Senator Royce West

The following members arrived after the chair reconvened the hearing:

Senator Eckhardt

Senator Hall

Senator Paxton

The chair laid out HB 5318 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5318 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5320 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5320 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5325 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5325 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5326 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5326 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5329 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5329 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5339 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5339 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5347 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5347 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5348 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5348 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5350 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5350 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5366 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5366 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3053 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 HB 3053 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2624 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2624 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1285 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1285 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2121 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2121 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2354 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2354 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3526 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 3526 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4101 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 4101 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:17 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair and Senator Springer resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2730 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2730 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3301 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, by no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Springer moved that HB 3301 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3899 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 3301 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 6:03 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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Marissa Pryor, Clerk