

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Thursday, May 18, 2023
2:00 PM or upon adjournment
E1.004 (Auditorium)

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 Thursday, May 18, 2023, in the E1.004 (Auditorium).

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 9:07 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 9:07 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair and Senator Springer resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 5334 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Springer moved that HB 5334 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:08 PM Senator Springer assumed the chair and Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

Roll call was taken at 9:09 PM.

Members absent at roll call:

Senator Eckhardt

Senator Parker

Senator Paxton

Senator West

The chair laid out HB 2488 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Senator Gutierrez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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.

The chair laid out HB 5373 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Juan Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Gutierrez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 5373 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5396 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5396 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2815 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 2815 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5361 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, 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 house bill as engrossed.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5361 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5414 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5414 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5415 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5415 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5340 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 5340 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5392 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5392 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5386 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5386 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3469 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, to explain the bill. Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 3469 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5356 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5356 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5358 and recognized Senator Hall, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5358 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5333 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5333 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5382 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5382 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5389 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5389 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5375 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5375 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5397 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5397 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5404 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5404 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5411 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5411 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5412 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5412 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5413 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5413 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5376 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5376 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5377 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5377 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5312 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5312 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5407 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was opened, but no testimony was taken.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 5407 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2239

Senator Springer moved to adopt the committee substitute for HB 2239.

Senator Springer moved that HB 2239 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2815

Senator Springer moved to adopt the committee substitute for HB 2815.

Senator Springer moved that HB 2815 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Springer 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 3469.

Senator Gutierrez moved that HB 3469 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Gutierrez 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 5312.

Senator Hall moved that HB 5312 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer 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 5333.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 5333 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols 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 5356.

Senator Parker moved that HB 5356 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Parker 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 5358.

Senator Parker moved that HB 5358 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Parker 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 5361.

Senator Hall moved to adopt the committee substitute for HB 5361.

Senator Hall moved that HB 5361 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer 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 5373.

Senator Eckhardt moved to adopt the committee substitute for HB 5373.

Senator Eckhardt moved that HB 5373 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Eckhardt 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 5375.

Senator Springer moved that HB 5375 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer 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 5376.

Senator Springer moved to adopt the committee substitute for HB 5376.

Senator Springer moved that HB 5376 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer 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 5377.

Senator Parker moved that HB 5377 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Parker 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 5382.

Senator Springer moved that HB 5382 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer 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 5386.

Senator West moved that HB 5386 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator West 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 5389.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 5389 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols 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 5392.

Senator Hall moved that HB 5392 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hall 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 5396.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 5396 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols 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 5397.

Senator Springer moved that HB 5397 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer 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 5404.

Senator Parker moved that HB 5404 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Parker 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 5407.

Senator Hall moved that HB 5407 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hall 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 5411.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 5411 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols 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 5412.

Senator Springer moved that HB 5412 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer 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 5413.

Senator Springer moved that HB 5413 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer 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 5414.

Senator Parker moved that HB 5414 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Parker 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 5415.

Senator Hall moved that HB 5415 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hall 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 1583.

Senator Springer moved that HB 1583 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Springer moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:18 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair and Senator Springer resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 5334.

Senator Nichols moved that HB 5375 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The chair called for a vote - the motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eckhardt motioned for her vote on HB 2239 to be “nay.”

There being no further business, at 10:19 PM Senator Springer 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

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