

**The House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans'
Affairs**

89th Legislature

April 23, 2025

10:30 a.m. or upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted

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Pursuant to a notice posted on April 17, 2025, the House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Hefner, at 5:16 p.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Canales; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; and Pierson.

A quorum was present.

HB 4995

The chair laid out HB 4995.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Wilson to explain HB 4995.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Wilson to close on HB 4995.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 4995 was left pending without objection.

HB 2609

The chair laid out HB 2609.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Bernal to explain HB 2609.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative McLaughlin now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Cortez now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Bernal to close on HB 2609.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 2609 was left pending without objection.

HB 4879

The chair laid out HB 4879.

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The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative King to explain HB 4879.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative King to close on HB 4879.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 4879 was left pending without objection.

HB 5436

The chair laid out HB 5436.

The chair recognized Representative Bell, Keith to explain HB 5436.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Bell, Keith to close on HB 5436.

HB 5436 was left pending without objection.

HB 1777

The chair laid out HB 1777.

The chair recognized Representative Morales, Eddie to explain HB 1777.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Morales, Eddie to close on HB 1777.

HB 1777 was left pending without objection.

HB 4155

The chair laid out HB 4155.

The chair recognized Representative Manuel to explain HB 4155.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Manuel to close on HB 4155.

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HB 4155 was left pending without objection.

HB 4514

The chair laid out HB 4514.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Guillen to explain HB 4514.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Guillen to close on HB 4514.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 4514 was left pending without objection.

HB 5139

The chair laid out HB 5139.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Guillen to explain HB 5139.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Guillen to close on HB 5139.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 5139 was left pending without objection.

HCR 40

The chair laid out HCR 40.

The chair recognized Representative Gerdes to explain HCR 40.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Gerdes to close on HCR 40.

HCR 40 was left pending without objection.

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HB 2136

The chair laid out HB 2136.

The chair recognized Representative Bhojani to explain HB 2136.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Bhojani to close on HB 2136.

HB 2136 was left pending without objection.

HB 5228

The chair laid out HB 5228.

The chair recognized Representative Ward Johnson to explain HB 5228.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Ward Johnson to close on HB 5228.

HB 5228 was left pending without objection.

HB 2101

The chair laid out HB 2101.

The chair recognized Representative Cortez to explain HB 2101 on behalf of Representative Campos.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Cortez to close on HB 2101 on behalf of Representative Campos.

HB 2101 was left pending without objection.

HB 3142

The chair laid out HB 3142.

The chair recognized Representative Isaac to explain HB 3142.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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The chair recognized Representative Isaac to close on HB 3142.

HB 3142 was left pending without objection.

HB 5014

The chair laid out HB 5014.

The chair recognized Representative Isaac to explain HB 5014.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Isaac to close on HB 5014.

HB 5014 was left pending without objection.

HB 3846

The chair laid out HB 3846.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Louderback to explain HB 3846.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Lopez, Ray in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Hefner in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Louderback to close on HB 3846.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 3846 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Lopez, Ray in chair.)

HB 3552

The chair laid out HB 3552.

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The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Hefner to explain HB 3552.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Hefner to close on HB 3552.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 3552 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Hefner in chair.)

SB 608

The chair laid out SB 608, the companion to HB 1775.

The chair moved that SB 608, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (9).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Canales; Cortez (2).

SB 2312

The chair laid out SB 2312, the companion to HB 118.

The chair moved that SB 2312, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (9).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

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Absent: Representatives Canales; Cortez (2).

SB 1271

The chair recalled SB 1271 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out SB 1271, the companion to HB 2337.

The chair moved that SB 1271, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Hefner; Lopez, Ray; Dorazio; Hickland; Holt; Isaac; Louderback; McLaughlin; Pierson (9).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Canales; Cortez (2).

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At 11:05 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Hefner, Chair

Jose Gonzalez, Clerk