

The House Committee on State Affairs

89th Legislature

April 23, 2025

8:00 a.m.

JHR 140

Pursuant to a notice posted on April 17, 2025, revised 2 times on April 22, 2025, and a suspension of the 5-day posting rule on April 22, 2025 and on April 22, 2025, the House Committee on State Affairs met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative King, at 8:03 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives King; Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; McQueeney; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; and Turner.

A quorum was present.

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HB 4211

The chair laid out HB 4211.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Noble to explain HB 4211.

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

The chair recognized Representative Noble to close on HB 4211.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 4211 was left pending without objection.

HB 4536

The chair laid out HB 4536.

The chair recognized Representative Darby to explain HB 4536.

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

The chair recognized Representative Darby to close on HB 4536.

HB 4536 was left pending without objection.

HB 1907

The chair laid out HB 1907.

The chair recognized Representative Paul to explain HB 1907.

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

The chair recognized Representative Paul to close on HB 1907.

HB 1907 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Metcalf now present.)

HB 2892

The chair laid out HB 2892.

The chair recognized Representative Hernandez to explain HB 2892.

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

The chair recognized Representative Hernandez to close on HB 2892.

HB 2892 was left pending without objection.

HB 5182

The chair laid out HB 5182.

The chair recognized Representative Zwiener to explain HB 5182.

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

The chair recognized Representative Zwiener to close on HB 5182.

HB 5182 was left pending without objection.

HJR 201

The chair laid out HJR 201.

The chair recognized Representative Zwiener to explain HJR 201.

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

The chair recognized Representative Zwiener to close on HJR 201.

HJR 201 was left pending without objection.

HB 5138

The chair laid out HB 5138.

The chair recognized Representative Shaheen to explain HB 5138.

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

The chair recognized Representative Shaheen to close on HB 5138.

HB 5138 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Hull now present.)

HB 5435

The chair laid out HB 5435.

The chair recognized Representative Bell, Keith to explain HB 5435.

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

The chair recognized Representative Bell, Keith to close on HB 5435.

HB 5435 was left pending without objection.

HB 5269

The chair laid out HB 5269.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Barry to explain HB 5269.

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

The chair recognized Representative Barry to close on HB 5269.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 5269 was left pending without objection.

HB 842

The chair laid out HB 842.

The chair recognized Representative Lalani to explain HB 842.

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

The chair recognized Representative Lalani to close on HB 842.

HB 842 was left pending without objection.

HB 5111

The chair laid out HB 5111.

The chair recognized Representative Darby to explain HB 5111.

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

The chair recognized Representative Darby to close on HB 5111.

HB 5111 was left pending without objection.

HB 3896

The chair laid out HB 3896.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Raymond to explain HB 3896.

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

The chair recognized Representative Raymond to close on HB 3896.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 3896 was left pending without objection.

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HB 5323

The chair laid out HB 5323.

The chair explained HB 5323.

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

The chair closed on HB 5323.

HB 5323 was left pending without objection.

At 9:38 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was recessed until upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted.

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The committee reconvened at 5:09 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative King.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives King; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; and Turner.

A quorum was present.

(Representative Hernandez now present.)

HB 3278

The chair laid out HB 3278 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 3278, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives King; Geren; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan (6).

Nays: Representatives Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Guillen; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (9).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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HB 3356

The chair laid out HB 3356 as pending business.

Representative Geren offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Anchía was recognized to make a statement before the vote.

Representative Darby was recognized to make a statement before the vote.

Representative Davis, Yvonne was recognized to make a statement before the vote.

Representative Smithee was recognized to make a statement before the vote.

Representative Phelan moved that HB 3356, as substituted, 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 King; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond (8).

Nays: Representatives Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (7).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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HB 3778

The chair laid out HB 3778 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Darby moved that HB 3778, as substituted, 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 King; Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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HB 4581

The chair laid out HB 4581.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Raymond moved that HB 4581, as substituted, 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 King; Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

SB 1358

The chair laid out SB 1358, the companion to HB 2625.

The chair moved that SB 1358, 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 King; Hernandez; Darby; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson (12).

Nays: Representatives Anchía; Davis, Yvonne; Turner (3).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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HB 5109

The chair laid out HB 5109 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 5109, 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 King; Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 3713

The chair recalled HB 3713 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out HB 3713.

The chair recognized Representative Anchía to explain HB 3713.

The chair moved that HB 3713, 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 King; Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Thompson; Turner (14).

Nays: Representative Smithee (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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SB 1121

The chair recalled SB 1121 from subcommittee.

The chair laid out SB 1121, the companion to HB 4055.

The chair recognized Representative Anchía to explain SB 1121.

The chair recognized Representative Metcalf to explain SB 1121.

The chair moved that SB 1121, 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 King; Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

SB 326

The chair laid out SB 326, the companion to HB 2391.

The chair moved that SB 326, 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 King; Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

SB 783

The chair laid out SB 783, the companion to HB 1360.

The chair moved that SB 783, 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 King; Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

SB 1197

The chair laid out SB 1197, the companion to HB 3272.

Representative Darby moved that SB 1197, 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 King; Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (15).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

SJR 40

The chair laid out SJR 40.

The chair recognized Representative Slawson to explain SJR 40.

(Representative Hernandez in chair.)

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

The chair recognized Representative Slawson to close on SJR 40.

SJR 40 was left pending without objection.

SB 871

The chair laid out SB 871.

The chair recognized Representative Slawson to explain SB 871.

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

The chair recognized Representative Slawson to close on SB 871.

SB 871 was left pending without objection.

HB 2844

The chair laid out HB 2844.

The chair recognized Representative Landgraf to explain HB 2844.

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

The chair recognized Representative Landgraf to close on HB 2844.

HB 2844 was left pending without objection.

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HB 5247

The chair laid out HB 5247.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative McQueeney to explain HB 5247.

The chair recognized Representative Geren to explain HB 5247.

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

The chair recognized Representative Geren to close on HB 5247.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 5247 was left pending without objection.

(Representative King in chair.)

HB 3439

The chair laid out HB 3439.

The chair recognized Representative Guillen to explain HB 3439.

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

The chair recognized Representative Guillen to close on HB 3439.

HB 3439 was left pending without objection.

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At 6:49 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. King, Chair

Megan Quijano, Clerk