

The House Committee on State Affairs

89th Legislature

April 30, 2025

8:00 a.m.

JHR 140

Pursuant to a notice posted on April 25, 2025, revised on April 25, 2025 and April 28, 2025, the House Committee on State Affairs met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative King, at 8:04 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives King; Hernandez; Anchía; Darby; Geren; Hull; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; and Turner.

A quorum was present.

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(Representative Davis, Yvonne now present.)

(Representative McQueeney now present.)

(Representative Thompson now present.)

HB 146

The chair laid out HB 146 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 146, 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; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson (12).

Nays: Representatives Anchía; Turner (2).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Guillen (1).

HB 229

The chair laid out HB 229 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 229, 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; Darby; Geren; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee (9).

Nays: Representatives Hernandez; Anchía; Davis, Yvonne; Thompson; Turner (5).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Guillen (1).

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HB 842

The chair laid out HB 842 as pending business.

Representative Geren moved that HB 842, 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; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; McQueeney; Phelan; Raymond; Thompson; Turner (10).

Nays: Representatives Darby; Hull; Metcalf; Smithee (4).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Guillen (1).

(Representative Guillen now present.)

HB 1554

The chair laid out HB 1554 as pending business.

Representative McQueeney moved that HB 1554, 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; Darby; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee (10).

Nays: Representatives Hernandez; Anchía; Davis, Yvonne; Thompson; Turner (5).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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HB 2308

The chair laid out HB 2308 as pending business.

Representative Guillen moved that HB 2308, 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 2858

The chair laid out HB 2858 as pending business.

Representative Darby moved that HB 2858, 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; Raymond; Thompson; Turner (10).

Nays: Representatives Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Smithee (5).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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HB 3784

The chair laid out HB 3784 as pending business.

Representative Metcalf offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Geren moved that HB 3784, 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; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (14).

Nays: Representative Davis, Yvonne (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 4283

The chair laid out HB 4283 as pending business.

Representative Metcalf offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative McQueeney moved that HB 4283, 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; Darby; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee (10).

Nays: Representatives Hernandez; Anchía; Davis, Yvonne; Thompson; Turner (5).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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HB 4552

The chair laid out HB 4552 as pending business.

Representative Raymond offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Darby moved that HB 4552, 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; Darby; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Smithee (9).

Nays: Representatives Hernandez; Anchía; Davis, Yvonne; Raymond; Thompson; Turner (6).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 5010

The chair laid out HB 5010 as pending business.

Representative Phelan moved that HB 5010, 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; Darby; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee (11).

Nays: Representatives Hernandez; Anchía; Thompson; Turner (4).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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HB 5138

The chair laid out HB 5138 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Geren moved that HB 5138, 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; Darby; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Raymond; Smithee (8).

Nays: Representatives Hernandez; Anchía; Davis, Yvonne; Phelan; Thompson; Turner (6).

Present, Not Voting: Representative Geren (1).

Absent: None (0).

HB 5520

The chair laid out HB 5520 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 5520, 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; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Thompson; Turner (13).

Nays: Representatives Hull; Smithee (2).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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SB 888

The chair laid out SB 888, the companion to HB 2460.

The chair moved that SB 888, 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; Turner (14).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: Representative Thompson (1).

Absent: None (0).

SB 1198

The chair laid out SB 1198, the companion to HB 2973.

Representative Guillen moved that SB 1198, 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; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (14).

Nays: Representative Davis, Yvonne (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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SB 1299

The chair laid out SB 1299, the companion to HB 2892.

The chair moved that SB 1299, 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 1870

The chair laid out SB 1870, the companion to HB 5082.

Representative Metcalf moved that SB 1870, 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; Darby; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Smithee (9).

Nays: Representatives Hernandez; Anchía; Davis, Yvonne; Raymond; Thompson; Turner (6).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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SB 1877

The chair laid out SB 1877, the companion to HB 5269.

Representative McQueeney moved that SB 1877, 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 1963

The chair laid out SB 1963, the companion to HB 2869.

The chair moved that SB 1963, 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; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (14).

Nays: Representative Davis, Yvonne (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

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HB 3824

The chair laid out HB 3824 as pending business.

Representative Thompson offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Geren moved that HB 3824, 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).

HB 5200

The chair laid out HB 5200.

The chair recognized Representative Anchía to explain HB 5200.

(Representative Hernandez now present.)

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

The chair recognized Representative Anchía to close on HB 5200.

HB 5200 was left pending without objection.

The chair announced that HB 1281, at the request of the author, was withdrawn from the schedule.

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HB 551

The chair laid out HB 551.

The chair recognized Representative Swanson to explain HB 551.

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

The chair recognized Representative Swanson to close on HB 551.

HB 551 was left pending without objection.

HB 1617

The chair laid out HB 1617.

The chair recognized Representative Swanson to explain HB 1617.

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

The chair recognized Representative Swanson to close on HB 1617.

HB 1617 was left pending without objection.

(Representative King in chair.)

HB 1378

The chair laid out HB 1378.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Virdell to explain HB 1378.

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

The chair recognized Representative Virdell to close on HB 1378.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 1378 was left pending without objection.

At 9:50 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 7:44 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; Raymond; Thompson; and Turner.

A quorum was present.

(Representative Hernandez now present.)

HB 5623

The chair laid out HB 5623.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Davis, Yvonne to explain HB 5623.

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

The chair recognized Representative Davis, Yvonne to close on HB 5623.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 5623 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Phelan now present.)

(Representative Metcalf now present.)

HJR 218

The chair laid out HJR 218.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Davis, Yvonne to explain HJR 218.

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

The chair recognized Representative Davis, Yvonne to close on HJR 218.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

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HJR 218 was left pending without objection.

HB 4921

The chair laid out HB 4921.

The chair recognized Representative Davis, Yvonne to explain HB 4921.

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

The chair recognized Representative Davis, Yvonne to close on HB 4921.

HB 4921 was left pending without objection.

HB 4732

The chair laid out HB 4732.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Gámez to explain HB 4732.

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

(Representative Smithee now present.)

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

The chair recognized Representative Gámez to close on HB 4732.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 4732 was left pending without objection.

HB 2881

The chair laid out HB 2881.

The chair recognized Representative Isaac to explain HB 2881.

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

The chair recognized Representative Isaac to close on HB 2881.

HB 2881 was left pending without objection.

HB 5573

The chair laid out HB 5573.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Bhojani to explain HB 5573.

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

The chair recognized Representative Bhojani to close on HB 5573.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 5573 was left pending without objection.

HB 4726

The chair laid out HB 4726.

The chair recognized Representative Schofield to explain HB 4726.

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

(Representative Hernandez in chair.)

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

(Representative King in chair.)

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

The chair recognized Representative Schofield to close on HB 4726.

HB 4726 was left pending without objection.

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SB 3

The chair laid out SB 3 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair explained SB 3.

The chair moved that SB 3, 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).

HB 5623

The chair laid out HB 5623 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Hernandez moved that HB 5623, 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).

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Absent: None (0).

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HJR 218

The chair laid out HJR 218 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Thompson moved that HJR 218, 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).

HB 4921

The chair laid out HB 4921 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 4921, 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; Davis, Yvonne; Geren; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Phelan; Raymond; Smithee; Thompson; Turner (14).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Anchía (1).

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(Representative Anchía now present.)

SB 2188

The chair laid out SB 2188, the companion to HB 4660.

Representative Geren moved that SB 2188, 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; Darby; Guillen; Hull; McQueeney; Metcalf; Raymond; Smithee (8).

Nays: Representatives Hernandez; Anchía; Davis, Yvonne; Phelan; Thompson; Turner (6).

Present, Not Voting: Representative Geren (1).

Absent: None (0).

HB 4914

The chair laid out HB 4914.

The chair recognized Representative Hopper to explain HB 4914.

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

The chair recognized Representative Hopper to close on HB 4914.

HB 4914 was left pending without objection.

HB 4878

The chair laid out HB 4878.

The chair recognized Representative Olcott to explain HB 4878.

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

The chair recognized Representative Olcott to close on HB 4878.

HB 4878 was left pending without objection.

HB 5402

The chair laid out HB 5402.

The chair recognized Representative Geren to explain HB 5402.

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

The chair recognized Representative Geren to close on HB 5402.

HB 5402 was left pending without objection.

HB 5568

The chair laid out HB 5568.

The chair recognized Representative Darby to explain HB 5568.

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

The chair recognized Representative Darby to close on HB 5568.

HB 5568 was left pending without objection.

HB 2868

The chair laid out HB 2868.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Metcalf to explain HB 2868.

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

The chair recognized Representative Metcalf to close on HB 2868.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 2868 was left pending without objection.

HB 4439

The chair laid out HB 4439.

The chair recognized Representative Metcalf to explain HB 4439.

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

The chair recognized Representative Metcalf to close on HB 4439.

HB 4439 was left pending without objection.

HB 5318

The chair laid out HB 5318.

The chair recognized Representative Louderback to explain HB 5318.

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

The chair recognized Representative Louderback to close on HB 5318.

HB 5318 was left pending without objection.

HB 4958

The chair laid out HB 4958.

The chair recognized Representative Phelan to explain HB 4958.

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

The chair recognized Representative Phelan to close on HB 4958.

HB 4958 was left pending without objection.

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At 10:32 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