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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, March 31, 2025

12:30 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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, March 31, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator Mayes Middleton, Vice Chair
Senator Molly Cook
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Mayes Middleton, Vice Chair
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Angela Paxton

The chair laid out SB 1243 and recognized the author, 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 SB 1243 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1708 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, Adam, 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 SB 1708 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2407 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2407 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1579 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Blanco to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 SB 1579 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1851 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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 SB 1851 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1879 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1879 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1079 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 SB 1079 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1921 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Gutierrez sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 SB 1921 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1844 and recognized the author, 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 SB 1844 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2406 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2406 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:55 PM Senator Cook moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment.

At 6:30 PM Senator Bettencourt reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 393.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 393 do not pass but that CSSB 393 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2406.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2406 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Bettencourt recognized Senators West, Cook, and Gutierrez as voting aye on SB 2406 after the vote was called.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2407.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 2407 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 6:35 PM Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1882.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1882 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 6:36 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1951 and recognized the author, 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 SB 1951 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1504 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1504 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:47 PM Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2237 and recognized the author, 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 Middleton moved that SB 2237 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2238 and recognized the author, 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 Middleton moved that SB 2238 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:26 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

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There being no further business, at 7:26 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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