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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Monday, April 7, 2025

10:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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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, April 7, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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**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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM. 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 2073 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 2073 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1935 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, J, 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 1935 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 434 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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 434 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1177 and recognized the author, 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 senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1177 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1214 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1214 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1965 and recognized Senator Middleton, in the absence of the author, 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 1965 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:17 AM Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2046 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 2046 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 2010 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

At 12:23 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

At 12:35 PM Senator Middleton resumed the chair.

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

Senator Middleton moved that SB 2010 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2068 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt 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 Middleton moved that SB 2068 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:43 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1920 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Cook 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 registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1920 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 898 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, 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 898 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2183 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, A , 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 2183 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:22 PM Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

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The chair laid out SB 2260 and recognized the author, Senator Cook, to explain the bill.

The chair recognized Senator Cook 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.

At 1:25 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2260 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:34 PM Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 3034 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt , to explain the bill.

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

Senator Nichols moved that SB 3034 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1454 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 Nichols moved that SB 1454 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:51 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

At 1:52 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed until 15 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:34 PM Senator Bettencourt reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1927 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, A, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa, A, 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 1927 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 844 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 844 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 6:20 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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Jared Yust, Clerk