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SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, March 21, 2013 9:00 AM 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 Education was held on Thursday, March 21, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Senator Royce West

Senator Dan Patrick, Chair Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair Senator Donna Campbell Senator Robert Duncan Senator Ken Paxton Senator Kel Seliger Senator Larry Taylor Senator Leticia Van de Putte

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:22 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Other Senators attending: Senator Wendy Davis.

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearings held on March 5, 2013, and March 12, 2013; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 547 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 Eddie Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 547 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out SB 1538 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill. Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Leticia Van de Putte 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 Dan Patrick moved that SB 1538 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 832. Senator Robert Duncan sent up a committee substitute; Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 832 do not pass but that CSSB 832 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 833. Senator Robert Duncan moved adoption of the committee substitute that was previously sent up; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Robert Duncan moved that SB 833 do not pass but that CSSB 833 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Robert Duncan moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:23 AM Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2 and recognized the author, Senator Patrick, to explain the bill. Senator Dan Patrick sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Dan Patrick to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Patrick moved to withdraw from consideration Amendment 1; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Dan Patrick sent up Committee Amendment 2 and explained the amendment. Resource 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered. There was no action taken for the following bill(s): SB 17, SB 1365.

Senator Campbell requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 832, and CSSB 833; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 547; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 832, and CSSB 833; there being no objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 12:01 PM Senator Patrick moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Dan Patrick, Chair

Holly Mabry McCoy, Clerk