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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

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 Intergovernmental Relations was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Robert Nichols

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Larry Taylor

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Nichols

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on April 13, 2015; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair recognized Senator Lucio, the author of the bill, to lay out SB 1422 to explain the bill. The chair recognized Senator Lucio to send up the committee substitute and explain the difference between the committee substitute and 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.

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Senator Campbell moved that SB 1422 and the committee substitute to be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Lucio, the author of the bill, to lay out SB 1499 to explain the bill. Senator Lucio sent up the committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio to explain the difference between the committee substitute and 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 Campbell moved that SB 1499 and the committee substitute to be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Lucio, the author of the bill, to lay out SB 1498 to explain the bill. Senator Lucio sent up the committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio to explain the difference between the committee substitute and 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 Campbell moved that SB 1498 and the committee substitute to be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair recognized Senator Creighton, the author of the bill, to lay out SB 1387 to explain the bill. Senator Lucio sent up the committee substitute and recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and 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.

The chair moved that SB 1387 and the committee substitute to be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 1147 and the committee substitute considered during the last hearing. Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute for SB 1147 be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 1147 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 1147 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent.

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Senator Garcia moved that the committee substitute for SB 1147 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Garcia to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 1454 and the committee substitute considered during the last hearing. Senator Garcia moved that the committee substitute for SB 1454 be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 1454 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 1454 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting and 2 absent.

The chair recognized Senator Garcia to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 1563 and the committee substitute considered during the last hearing. Senator Garcia moved that the committee substitute for SB 1563 be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted.

Senator Garcia moved that SB 1563 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 1563 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute for SB 1563 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Menendez to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 1781 and the committee substitute considered during the last hearing. Senator Garcia moved that the committee substitute for SB 1781 be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted.

Senator Menendez moved that SB 1781 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 1781 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute for SB 1781 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Garcia to lay out SB 837 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.

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The chair moved that SB 837 to be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 1162 considered during the last hearing. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1162 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute for SB 1162 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Campbell to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 1453 considered during the last hearing. Senator Campbell moved that SB 1453 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 1453 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Garcia to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 1461 considered during the last hearing. Senator Garcia moved that SB 1461 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1461 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Menendez to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 1780 considered during the last hearing. Senator Menendez moved that SB1780 be report back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent.

Senator Menendez moved SB 1780 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

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The chair recognized Senator Lucio to lay out as a matter of pending business SB 2034 considered during the last hearing. Senator Lucio moved that SB 2034 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting and 2 absent.

Senator Lucio moved that SB 2034 be recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair recognized Senator Eltife to lay out SB 1587 to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eltife to explain the difference between the committee substitute and 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 Lucio moved that SB 1587 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair recognized Senator Lucio to lay out SB 1593 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 Lucio moved that SB 1593 to be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to lay out SB 626 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 Lucio moved that SB 626 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Menendez to lay out SB 1998 to explain the bill. The chair recognized Senator Menendez to lay out the committee substitute and explain the difference between the bill and the committee substitute. 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 Menendez moved that SB 1998 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair recognized Senator Lucio to lay out SB 1108 to explain the bill. Senator Lucio sent up the committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio to explain the difference between the committee substitute and 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 1108 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to lay out SB 772 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 Lucio moved that SB 772 to be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair

Donna Chatham, Clerk