

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Monday, April 27, 2015

8:30 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 Intergovernmental Relations was held on Monday, April 27, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

The chair laid out SB 1908 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Perry 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 Lucio, Jr. moved committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1542 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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, Jr. moved that SB 1542 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 615 and recognized the author, Senator Burton, 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, Jr. moved that SB 615 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 710 and recognized the author, Senator Burton, to explain the bill. Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Burton 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 Lucio, Jr. moved committee substitute and SB 710 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 905 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 Lucio, Jr. moved committee substitute and SB 905 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 896 and recognized the author, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Garcia 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 Lucio, Jr. moved committee substitute and SB 896 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1362 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Witnesses testifying and/or 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 committee substitute and SB 1362 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 2038 and recognized Senator Garcia, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and/or 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 2038 be left pending.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1376 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 Lucio, Jr. moved committee substitute and SB 1376 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2023 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and/or 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 2023 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2063 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. 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. The chair. moved committee substitute and SB 2063 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 234 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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

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public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved committee substitute and SB 234 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2022 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 Lucio, Jr. moved committee substitute and SB 2022 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:40 PM Senator Lucio, Jr. reconvened the meeting. The chair instructed the clerk to call the roll; quorum was established.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 839 and the committee substitute. Senator Garcia moved that the committee substitute be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted. Senator Garcia moved that SB 839 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 839 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia 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 997. Senator Garcia moved that SB 997 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia 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 1002. Senator Garcia moved that SB 1002 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1005 and the committee substitute. Senator Garcia moved that the committee substitute be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted. Senator Garcia moved that SB 1005 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 1005 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia 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 1345. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1345 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Bettencourt 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 1365. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1365 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Bettencourt 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 1363 and the committee substitute. Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1363 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 1363 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Bettencourt 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 1679 and the committee substitute. Senator Bettencourt moved that the committee substitute be adopted; there being no objection, the substitute was adopted. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1679 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 1679 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2025. Senator Garcia moved that SB 2025 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia 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 2026. Senator Garcia moved that SB 2026 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia 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 2043. Senator Menendez moved that SB 2043 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Menendez 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 2044. Senator Garcia moved that SB 2044 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia 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 2053. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2053 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2056. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2056 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 2059. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2059 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair brought up SB 946 to reconsider the vote from the April 22, 2015 IGR hearing. Senator Garcia moved that SB 946 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 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Garcia moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; 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.

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Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair

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Donna Chatham, Clerk