

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

9:30 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 Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 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 Don Huffines  
Senator Van Taylor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator José Menéndez

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Paul Bettencourt and Senator Van Taylor.

The Chair laid out SB 702 and recognized the author, Senator Huffines, to explain the bill. Senator Huffines sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Huffines to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Huffines moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 702 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The Chair laid out HB 1107 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that HB 1107 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 1815 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that HB 1815 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 1512 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Garcia moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that HB 1512 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2504 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Garcia, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that HB 2504 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2293 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Bettencourt moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 2293 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1117. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the difference

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between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Garcia moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 1117 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2276 and the committee substitute sent up on May 3, 2017. Senator Garcia moved to withdraw the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Garcia moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 2276 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1117. Senator Garcia moved that SB 1117 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Taylor, V. submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. 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 2276. Senator Garcia moved that SB 2276 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Taylor, V. submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. The Chair 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 HB 2504. Senator Garcia moved that HB 2504 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, 1 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Taylor, V. submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown present not voting. Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. 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 HB 2064 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffines, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that HB 2064 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Taylor, V. submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Huffines moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 4279 and recognized Senator Garcia, in absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that HB 4279 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. 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 2293. Senator Campbell moved that SB 2293 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Bettencourt submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:52 AM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Upon a motion made by Senator Lucio to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations reconvened at Senator Lucio's desk at 5:48 PM.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2196 and the committee substitute adopted at a previous hearing. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2196 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu

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thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1512. Senator Garcia moved that HB 1512 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 1609 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Bettencourt moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that SB 1609 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:57 PM Senator Huffines 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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Dilip Kanuga, Clerk