

The House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

88th Legislature

April 20, 2023

8:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on April 14, 2023, revised on April 14, 2023 and April 18, 2023, and a suspension of the 5-day posting rule on April 18, 2023, the House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Wilson, at 8:10 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Wilson; Lopez, Ray; Bumgarner; Dorazio; Frank; Muñoz, Jr.; and Slaton.

A quorum was present.

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The chair made opening remarks.

HB 5073

The chair laid out HB 5073.

The chair recognized Representative Raymond to explain HB 5073.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Raymond to close on HB 5073.

(Representative Garcia now present.)

HB 5073 was left pending without objection.

HB 2951

The chair laid out HB 2951 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Dorazio moved that HB 2951, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Lopez, Ray; Bumgarner; Dorazio; Frank; Garcia; Muñoz, Jr.; Slaton (8).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Morales Shaw (1).

SB 538

The chair laid out SB 538, the companion to HB 837.

Representative Garcia moved that SB 538, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Lopez, Ray; Bumgarner; Dorazio; Frank; Garcia; Muñoz, Jr.; Slaton (8).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Morales Shaw (1).

HB 5073

The chair laid out HB 5073 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 5073, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Lopez, Ray; Bumgarner; Dorazio; Frank; Garcia; Muñoz, Jr.; Slaton (8).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Morales Shaw (1).

HB 2499

The chair laid out HB 2499.

The chair recognized Representative Bell, Cecil to explain HB 2499.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Morales Shaw now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Bell, Cecil to close on HB 2499.

Representative Garcia moved that HB 2499, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Lopez, Ray; Bumgarner; Dorazio; Garcia; Morales Shaw; Muñoz, Jr.; Slaton (8).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Frank (1).

SB 63

The chair laid out SB 63.

The chair recognized Representative Raymond to explain SB 63.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Raymond to close on SB 63.

SB 63 was left pending without objection.

At 8:58 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was recessed until upon final adjourn./recess.

The committee reconvened at 3:01 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Wilson.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Wilson; Lopez, Ray; Bumgarner; Frank; Garcia; and Morales Shaw.

A quorum was present.

HB 4923

The chair laid out HB 4923.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Lopez, Ray to explain HB 4923.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Slaton now present.)

The chair recognized Representative Lopez, Ray to close on HB 4923.

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The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 4923 was left pending without objection.

HB 538

The chair laid out HB 538 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Garcia moved that HB 538, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Lopez, Ray; Bumgarner; Frank; Garcia; Slaton (6).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Dorazio; Morales Shaw; Muñoz, Jr. (3).

SB 1859

The chair laid out SB 1859, the companion to HB 5073.

Representative Bumgarner moved that SB 1859, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Wilson; Lopez, Ray; Bumgarner; Frank; Garcia; Slaton (6).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Dorazio; Morales Shaw; Muñoz, Jr. (3).

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At 3:26 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Wilson, Chair

Andrew Harkey, Clerk