

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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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 Finance was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Pete Flores  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Royce West  
Senator John Whitmire  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SJR 56 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 laid out SB 1000 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West 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 laid out SB 927 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, 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.

The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 778 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West 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 bill was left pending.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 267 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, 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.

At 9:34 AM the committee stood at ease.

At 10:03 AM the committee reconvened.

The chair laid out SB 1000 by Senator West.

Senator West moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved that SB 1000 do not pass but that CSSB 1000 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 16 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SJR 56 by Senator Schwertner.

Senator Hinojosa moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that SJR 56 do not pass but that CSSJR 56 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 17 ayes, 0 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SB 267 by Senator King.

Senator Bettencourt moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 267 do not pass but that CSSB 267 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 17 ayes, 0 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1232 by Senator Nichols.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 1232 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 17 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffman sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Huffman moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 1 do not pass but that CSHB 1 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 17 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Huffman resumed the char.

Senator Hughes submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 267, SB 1000, SB 1232, SJR 56 and HB 1.

Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 267, SB 1000, SB 1232, SJR 56 and HB 1.

There being no further business, at 10:29 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk