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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:15 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 Local Government was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator Drew Springer, Vice Chair
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Tan Parker
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Roland Gutierrez

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the meeting was called to order:

Senator Eckhardt
Senator Hall
Senator West

The chair laid out SB 2370 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 2370 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 572 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Hall 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 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 572 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The following members arrived after the roll was called (9:29 AM): Senator Paxton

The chair laid out SB 2033 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 2033 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:06 AM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair and Senator Springer resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1810 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill. Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Sparks 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 Springer moved that SB 1810 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2035 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Springer moved that SB 2035 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:44 AM Senator Springer assumed the chair and Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

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The chair laid out SB 561 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 561 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1181 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.
Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.
No public testimony was taken for SB 1181.
The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.
Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1181 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1226 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.
Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1226 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:54 AM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:04 PM Senator Bettencourt reconvened the meeting.

The following members arrived after the meeting was called to order:

Senator Eckhardt
Senator Hall
Senator Nichols
Senator Parker
Senator Paxton
Senator West

The chair laid out SB 539 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.
No public testimony was taken for SB 539.
The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.
Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 539 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:06 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair and Senator Springer resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2371 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Springer moved that SB 2371 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1252 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Springer moved that SB 1252 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:15 PM Senator Springer assumed the chair and Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1923 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1923 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:29 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair and Senator Springer resume the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1814 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Springer moved that SB 1814 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1998 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Springer moved that SB 1998 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1999 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Springer moved that SB 1999 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 2350 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Springer moved that SB 2350 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:58 PM Senator Springer assumed the chair and Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:58 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

Marissa Pryor, Clerk