

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

12:00 PM 30 minutes upon adjournment

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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 Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Steve Ogden, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Bob Deuell
Senator Robert Duncan
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Craig Estes
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Dan Patrick
Senator Kel Seliger
Senator Florence Shapiro
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire
Senator Tommy Williams
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:48 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1 as pending business.

Senator West laid out recommendations for Article III from the Subcommittee on Higher Education Funding.

The Legislative Budget Board gave testimony on the recommendation document.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator West moved to adopt items 2, 4, 5 and 6 for the Higher Education Coordinating Board amendment. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved to adopt the recommendations, as amended for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West moved to adopt SB 1 as introduced for the Available University Fund and Higher Education Fund. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Williams moved to amend Senator West's amendment. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved to adopt items 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8 as amended to the amendment for the General Academic Institutions. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West moved to adopt the recommendations, as amended for the General Academic Institutions. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West moved to adopt items 1, 2 and 3 for the Public Community/Junior Colleges amendment. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West moved to adopt the recommendations, as amended for the Public Community/Junior Colleges. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator West moved to adopt items 1 and 2 for the Health Related Institutions amendment. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved to adopt item 6 amendment for the Health Related Institutions. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 5 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator West moved to adopt the recommendations, as amended for the Health Related Institutions. The motion carried with a record vote of 15 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Lucio moved to add 3.8 million in funding for the University of Texas at Brownsville to Article XI. Without objection it was so ordered.

Senator West moved to adopt the Texas A&M System decision document, pages 17 – 23. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West moved to adopt the Special Provisions. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:10 PM Senator Ogden moved to recess until 5:30 PM.

At 5:53 PM the Committee reconvened.

Senator Duncan laid out recommendations for Correctional Managed Healthcare.

The Legislative Budget Board gave testimony on the recommendation document.

Senator Duncan moved to adopt the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Correctional Managed Healthcare as a provision of the TDCJ Budget. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

There being no further business, at 6:26 PM Senator Ogden moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Steve Ogden, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk