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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

9:00 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 Higher Education was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair
Senator Royce West, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Peter Flores
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Kirk Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senators Bettencourt, Powell, and Watson.

The chair laid out SB 828 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, 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 Menendez moved that SB 828 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Flores and Watson submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 34 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

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 Powell moved that SB 34 do not pass but that CSSB 34 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Flores, Bettencourt, Watson, and Buckingham submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out SB 330 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

Witnesses 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 West moved that SB 330 do not pass but that CSSB 330 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Flores, Bettencourt, and Watson

submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay.

The chair laid out SB 1324 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, 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 Creighton moved that SB 1324 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 345 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator West assumed the chair.

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

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 Creighton moved that SB 345 do not pass but that CSSB 345 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Flores, Bettencourt, and Buckingham submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 479 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

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 Watson moved that SB 479 do not pass but that CSSB 479 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Flores, Bettencourt, Buckingham, and Powell submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator West 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 1324.

Senator Menendez moved that SB 1324 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Flores, Bettencourt, Watson, Buckingham, and Powell submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator West 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 10:27 AM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

Abby Romero, Clerk

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