

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

1:00 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Pat Fallon
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.
Senator Jane Nelson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Judith Zaffirini

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair called invited witnesses to testify on the following interim charges:

- Taxpayer Lobbying: Study how governmental entities use public funds for political lobbying purposes. Examine what types of governmental entities use public funds for lobbying purposes. Make recommendations to protect taxpayers from paying for lobbyists who may not represent the taxpayers' interest.
- Protecting the Unborn: Study and recommend ways Texas can further protect the lives of the unborn, including fetal heartbeat legislation and any other law or regulation that protects life.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the charges are shown on the attached list.

There being no further business, at 3:28 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

Courtney Smith, Clerk