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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair

Senator Pat Fallon

Senator Peter Flores

Senator Kelly Hancock

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Bryan Hughes

Senator Borris Miles

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Beverly Powell

Senator José Rodríguez

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Judith Zaffirini and Senator Peter Flores.

Senator Hinojosa moved that testimony be limited to 3 minutes per witness; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1082 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

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 Birdwell moved that SB 1082 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 817 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 Birdwell moved that SB 817 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 486 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, 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 Birdwell moved that SB 486 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1587 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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 Birdwell moved that SB 1587 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1413 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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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 Birdwell moved that SB 1413 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 530 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, 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 Zaffirini moved that SB 530 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 698 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, 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 Birdwell moved that SB 698 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1082. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1082 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senators Flores, Hancock, Hinojosa, and Rodríguez submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 1082; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini 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 1413 and the committee substitute. Senator Hughes moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1413 do not pass but that CSSB 1413 be reported back

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to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Flores, Hancock, Hinojosa, and Rodríguez submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1413; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes 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 1587. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1587 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Flores, Hancock, Hinojosa, and Rodríguez submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 1587; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 530. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 530 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Flores, Hancock, Hinojosa, and Rodríguez submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 530; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell 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 698. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 698 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senators Flores, Hancock, Hinojosa, and Rodríguez submitted motions in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye on SB 698; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

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There was no action taken for the following bill(s): SB 753.

There being no further business, at 10:34 AM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Paige McGhee, Clerk