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

Thursday, April 11, 2019

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Thursday, April 11, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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**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 Beverly Powell

Senator José Rodríguez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Angela Paxton

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present at 9:29 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Peter Flores, Senator Juan Hinojosa, Senator Bryan Hughes, and Senator Beverly Powell.

Senator Zaffirini moved that testimony be limited to 2 minutes per witness; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 76 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

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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 76 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 927 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill. Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall 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 927 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2070 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 2070 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1663 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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At 10:58 AM, Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand in recess until adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:20 PM, Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair and reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1663 and the committee substitute. Testimony on SB 1663 continued.

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The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1663 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2038 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, 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 2038 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Rodríguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1500 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Rodríguez moved that SB 1500 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1931 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.

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 Rodríguez moved that SB 1931 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2152 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Rodríguez moved that SB 2152 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2296 and recognized the author, Senator Powell, 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 2296 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1485 and recognized Senator Rodríguez, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Rodríguez 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 Zaffirini moved that SB 1485 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1585 and recognized Senator Rodríguez, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Rodríguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

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 1585 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

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The chair laid out SB 619 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 Zaffirini moved that SB 619 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2077 and recognized Senator Rodríguez, in the absence of the author, 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 2077 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 8:49 PM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

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Paige McGhee, Clerk