

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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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 State Affairs was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in the Senate Chamber.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair  
Senator Angela Paxton, Vice Chair  
Senator Brian Birdwell  
Senator Morgan LaMantia  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Mayes Middleton  
Senator Tan Parker

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:09 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Morgan LaMantia  
Senator Charles Perry

The chair laid out SB 997 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West to explain the differences between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Public testimony is opened, and with no one registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 997 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1617 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. Public testimony is opened, and with no one registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1617 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1044 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. Public testimony is opened, and with no one registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1044 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2120 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the differences 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 Hughes moved that SB 2120 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1606 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the differences 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 Hughes moved that SB 1606 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1624 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 Hughes moved that SB 1624 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1131 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill. Public testimony is opened, and with no one registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1131 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2258 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill. . Public testimony is opened, and with no one registered to testify, the Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 2258 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1780 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the differences 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 Hughes moved that SB 1780 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:09 AM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

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Taryn Taylor, Clerk