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

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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 22, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair

Senator Carol Alvarado

Senator César Blanco

Senator Kelly Hancock

Senator Borris Miles

Senator Kevin Sparks

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

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: Senator César Blanco, Senator Kelly Hancock, Senator Borris Miles, Senator Kevin Sparks, Senator Judith Zaffirini

The chair laid out SB 667 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registered and testifying on the bill are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 667 be left pending; without objection it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 13 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Alvarado sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses registered and testifying 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 SCR 13 be left pending; without objection it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 501 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registered and testifying 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 501 be left pending; without objection it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 502 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registered and testifying 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 502 be left pending; without objection it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 604 and recognized the author, Senator King, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator King to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses registered and testifying 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 604 be left pending; without objection it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1114 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Witnesses registered and testifying 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 1114 be left pending; without objection it was so ordered.

At 9:48 AM Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1420 and recognized the author, Senator Bridwell, 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 registered and testifying 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 Hancock moved that SB 1420 be left pending; without objection it was so ordered.

A 10:02 AM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1167 and recognized the author, Senator Bridwell, 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 registered and testifying 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 1167 be left pending; without objection it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 784 and recognized the author, Senator Bridwell, 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 registered and testifying on the bill are shown on the attached list.

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

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Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 784 be left pending; without objection it was so ordered.

At 10:14 AM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:17 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

David Estrada, Clerk