

The House Committee on Natural Resources

89th Legislature

March 26, 2025

8:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on March 21, 2025, the House Committee on Natural Resources met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Harris, at 9:48 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Harris; Martinez; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Gámez; Romero; and Zwiener.

A quorum was present.

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HB 685

The chair laid out HB 685.

The chair recognized Representative Bell, Cecil to explain HB 685.

The chair recognized Representative Bell, Cecil to close on HB 685.

HB 685 was left pending without objection.

HB 2608

The chair laid out HB 2608.

The chair recognized Representative Zwiener to explain HB 2608.

Representative Martinez offered a complete committee substitute.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Garcia, Josey now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Fairly now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative González, Mary now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Zwiener to close on HB 2608.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 2608 was left pending without objection.

HB 1918

The chair laid out HB 1918.

The chair recognized Representative Walle to explain HB 1918.

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Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Martinez in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Harris in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Ashby now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Walle to close on HB 1918.

HB 1918 was left pending without objection.

At 9:48 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was recessed until upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted.

The committee reconvened at 11:59 a.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Harris.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Harris; Martinez; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; González, Mary; Romero; and Zwiener.

A quorum was present.

HB 391

The chair laid out HB 391 as pending business.

Representative Martinez offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 391, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Harris; Martinez; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; González, Mary; Romero; Zwiener (10).

Nays: None (0).

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Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Ashby; Garcia, Josey; Villalobos (3).

HB 420

The chair laid out HB 420 as pending business.

Representative Martinez offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

(Representative Garcia, Josey now present.)

The chair moved that HB 420, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Harris; Martinez; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; Garcia, Josey; González, Mary; Romero; Zwiener (11).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Ashby; Villalobos (2).

HB 1089

The chair laid out HB 1089 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1089, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Harris; Martinez; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; Garcia, Josey; González, Mary; Romero; Zwiener (11).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Ashby; Villalobos (2).

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HB 1238

The chair laid out HB 1238 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1238, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Harris; Martinez; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; Garcia, Josey; González, Mary; Romero (10).

Nays: Representative Zwiener (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Ashby; Villalobos (2).

HB 1318

The chair laid out HB 1318 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1318, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed and be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Harris; Martinez; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; Garcia, Josey; González, Mary; Romero; Zwiener (11).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representatives Ashby; Villalobos (2).

HB 2626

The chair laid out HB 2626.

The chair recognized Representative Buckley to explain HB 2626.

Representative Martinez offered a complete committee substitute.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Buckley to close on HB 2626.

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The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 2626 was left pending without objection.

HB 2500

The chair laid out HB 2500.

The chair recognized Representative Spiller to explain HB 2500.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Spiller to close on HB 2500.

HB 2500 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Ashby now present.)

HB 29

The chair laid out HB 29.

The chair recognized Representative Gerdes to explain HB 29.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Martinez in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Harris in chair.)

The chair recognized Representative Gerdes to close on HB 29.

HB 29 was left pending without objection.

HB 1633

The chair laid out HB 1633.

The chair explained HB 1633.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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The chair closed on HB 1633

HB 1633 was left pending without objection.

HB 1689

The chair laid out HB 1689.

The chair explained HB 1689.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair closed on HB 1689.

HB 1689 was left pending without objection.

HB 1690

The chair laid out HB 1690.

The chair explained HB 1690.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair closed on HB 1690.

HB 1690 was left pending without objection.

HB 2010

The chair laid out HB 2010.

The chair recognized Representative Vasut to explain HB 2010.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Vasut to close on HB 2010.

HB 2010 was left pending without objection.

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At 2:12 p.m., on the motion of Representative Martinez and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Harris, Chair

Robert Moncada, Clerk