

The House Committee on Natural Resources

89th Legislature

April 2, 2025

8:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on March 28, 2025, the House Committee on Natural Resources met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Harris, at 8:05 a.m.

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

A quorum was present.

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HB 685

The chair laid out HB 685 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 685, 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; Ashby; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; Garcia, Josey; Romero; Villalobos; Zwiener (12).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative González, Mary (1).

HB 29

The chair laid out HB 29 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 29, 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; Ashby; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; Garcia, Josey; Romero; Villalobos; Zwiener (12).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative González, Mary (1).

HB 1633

The chair laid out HB 1633 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1633, 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; Ashby; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; Garcia, Josey; Romero; Villalobos; Zwiener (12).

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Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative González, Mary (1).

HB 1689

The chair laid out HB 1689 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1689, 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; Ashby; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; Garcia, Josey; Romero; Villalobos; Zwiener (12).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative González, Mary (1).

HB 1690

The chair laid out HB 1690 as pending business.

The chair moved that HB 1690, 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; Ashby; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; Garcia, Josey; Romero; Villalobos; Zwiener (12).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative González, Mary (1).

HB 2626

The chair laid out HB 2626 as pending business.

Representative Martinez offered a complete committee substitute.

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The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

The chair moved that HB 2626, 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; Ashby; Barry; Bell, Cecil; Buckley; Fairly; Gámez; Garcia, Josey; Romero; Villalobos; Zwiener (12).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative González, Mary (1).

HB 16

The chair laid out HB 16.

The chair explained HB 16.

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

(Representative González, Mary now present.)

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

The chair closed on HB 16.

HB 16 was left pending without objection.

HB 2692

The chair laid out HB 2692.

The chair recognized Representative Guillen to explain HB 2692.

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

The chair recognized Representative Guillen to close on HB 2692.

HB 2692 was left pending without objection.

HB 2712

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The chair laid out HB 2712.

The chair recognized Representative Darby to explain HB 2712.

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

The chair recognized Representative Darby to close on HB 2712.

HB 2712 was left pending without objection.

At 9:28 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 12:26 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Harris.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Harris; Martinez; Ashby; Buckley; Fairly; González, Mary; Villalobos; and Zwiener.

A quorum was present.

HB 1618

The chair laid out HB 1618.

The chair recognized Representative Harris Davila to explain HB 1618.

(Representative Gámez now present.)

(Representative Garcia, Josey now present.)

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

(Representative Romero now present.)

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

The chair recognized Representative Harris Davila to close on HB 1618.

HB 1618 was left pending without objection.

HB 2970

The chair laid out HB 2970.

The chair recognized Representative Paul to explain HB 2970.

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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.)

The chair recognized Representative Paul to close on HB 2970.

HB 2970 was left pending without objection.

HB 3628

The chair laid out HB 3628.

Representative Martinez offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Villalobos to explain HB 3628.

(Representative Barry now present.)

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

The chair recognized Representative Villalobos to close on HB 3628.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 3628 was left pending without objection.

HB 3609

The chair laid out HB 3609.

The chair recognized Representative Barry to explain HB 3609.

(Representative Bell, Cecil now present.)

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

The chair recognized Representative Barry to close on HB 3609.

HB 3609 was left pending without objection.

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At 12:49 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