

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Monday, March 17, 2025

1:30 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Economic Development was held on Monday, March 17, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Phil King, Chair
Senator Kevin Sparks, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Charles Schwertner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Alvarado and Senator Schwertner.

The chair laid out SB 1535 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks 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.

There being no further witnesses on SB 1535, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1535 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 972 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 972, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 972 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 856.

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 856 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Schwertner moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SCR 12.

Senator Sparks moved that SCR 12 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Sparks moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:54 PM Senator Sparks assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SCR 24.

Senator Schwertner moved that SCR 24 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:56 PM Senator King resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 878 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 878, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 878 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 462 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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.

There being no further witnesses on SB 462, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 462 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 519 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 519, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 519 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1356 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker 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.

There being no further witnesses on SB 1356, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1356 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1228 and recognized Senator Sparks, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witness registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

There being no further witnesses on SB 1228, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1228 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1350 and recognized Senator Sparks, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Alvarado sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Sparks 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.

There being no further witnesses on SB 1350, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1350 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 3:17 PM Senator Sparks moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Phil King, Chair

Jack Herrell, Clerk