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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

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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 Local Government was held on Thursday, March 20, 2025, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair  
Senator Mayes Middleton, Vice Chair  
Senator Molly Cook  
Senator Roland Gutierrez  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Royce West

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 472.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 472 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 414.

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

Senator Paxton moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 414 do not pass but that CSSB 414 be reported back to the

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Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 578.

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

Senator Gutierrez moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Gutierrez moved that SB 578 do not pass but that CSSB 578 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Cook 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 SB 710.

Senator Cook moved that SB 710 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Cook 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 SB 785.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 785 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 973.

Senator West moved that SB 973 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Cook 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 SB 1062.

Senator Nichols moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 1062 do not pass but that CSSB 1062 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record

vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols 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 SB 1352.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1352 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Paxton 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 SB 1547.

Senator Gutierrez moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Gutierrez moved that SB 1547 do not pass but that CSSB 1547 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

At 9:16 AM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1450.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1450 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Bettencourt 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 SB 1502.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1502 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1566.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1566 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

At 9:19 AM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

Senator Middleton submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB's 472, 710, 785, 973, 1352, 1450, 1502, 1566 and CSSB's 414, 578, 1062, and 1547.

There being no further business, at 9:20 AM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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