

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

8:00 AM

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 Criminal Justice was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Pete Flores, Chair
Senator Tan Parker, Vice Chair
Senator Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Phil King
Senator Borris Miles

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:05 am, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Tan Parker
Senator Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Phil King
Senator Borris Miles

The chair laid out HB 2596 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering 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 Flores moved that HB 2596 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 Hagenbuch moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5238 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Juan Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering 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 Flores moved that HB 5238 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.

At 8:10 AM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 33 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Pete Flores, to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Flores to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Hinojosa moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 33 do not pass but that CSHB 33 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.

The chair laid out HB 1261 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Pete Flores, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 1261 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 Flores moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:58 AM Senator Flores resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1778 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering 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 Flores moved that HB 1778 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.

The chair laid out HB 45 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering 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 Flores moved that HB 45 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.

The chair laid out HB 48 and recognized Senator Huffman, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering 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 Flores moved that HB 48 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.

The chair laid out HB 1465 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Phil King, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering 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 Flores moved that HB 1465 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.

The chair laid out SB 2969 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering 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 Flores moved that SB 2969 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4885 in lieu of SB 1848, which was considered at the May 6th hearing.

Senator Flores moved that HB 4885 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.

There being no further business, at 10:00 AM Senator Flores moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Pete Flores, Chair

Haylee Plumley, Clerk