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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Monday, May 5, 2025

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs was held on Monday, May 5, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Perry, Chair
Senator Kelly Hancock, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Kevin Sparks

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:02 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Gutierrez, Senator Johnson, Senator Kolkhorst, and Senator Sparks.

The chair laid out SB 612 and recognized the author, Senator Chuy Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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No witnesses registered or testified on the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved that SB 612 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1633 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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. The chair moved that HB 1633 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1689 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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. The chair moved that HB 1689 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 3058 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock 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. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved that SB 3058 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2018 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Adam Hinojosa, 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. The chair moved that HB 2018 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:49 AM Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1190. The Chair laid out HB 29, in lieu of SB 1190, which was heard at a previous hearing and left pending. Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

Senator Kolkhorst moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 29 do not pass but that CSHB 29 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

At 8:52 AM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1689. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1689 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Kolkhorst 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 HB 2018. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2018 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Adam Hinojosa 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 612. Senator Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 612 do not pass but that CSSB 612 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hancock 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 3058. Senator Kolkhorst moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 3058 do not pass but that CSSB 3058 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

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There being no further business, at 8:56 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Jayna Grove, Clerk