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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, March 13, 2013
1:30 PM or upon adjournment
Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Juan Hinojosa, Chair
Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator Ken Paxton
Senator Larry Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

Senator Nichols moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on February 27, 2013; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 543 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Nichols moved that SB 543 do not pass but that CSSB 543 be reported back 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 696 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 696 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:47 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 587 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 587 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:50 PM Senator Hinojosa resumed the chair.

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The chair laid out SB 604 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, 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 Nichols moved that SB 604 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 605 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 605 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 606 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 606 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.

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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 SB 608 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 608 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 609 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 609 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 610 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 610 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.

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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 SB 564 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 564 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 703 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 703 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 704 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 704 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.

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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 SB 705 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be open; no public testimony was taken.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 705 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 Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business the chair laid out CSSB 385 and recognized Senator Nichols in absence of the author, Senator Carona, to explain CSSB 385.

Senator Nichols moved that the previous CSSB 385 laid out, considered and adopted on February 27, 2013 be withdrawn.

Senator Nichols sent up a new committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nichols to explain the difference between the new 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

Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 170 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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There being no further business, at 2:35 PM Senator Hinojosa moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Juan Hinojosa, Chair

JD Pedraza, Clerk