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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, March 27, 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 27, 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 3:04 PM.

The chair laid out SB 795 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted: Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on March 20, 2013; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair opened public testimony; witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that SB 795 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.

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The chair laid out SB 280 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 opened public testimony; 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 280 do not pass but that CSSB 280 be reported favorably 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 Garcia moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 985 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony; 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 985 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 332 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodriguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Garcia moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved that opened public testimony be open; 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 Garcia moved that SB 332 do not pass but that CSSB 332 be reported favorably 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 Garcia moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 334 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill. The chair moved that public testimony be opened; there was none. The chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that SB 334 be

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

The chair laid out SB 461 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodriguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Garcia moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved to open public testimony; 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 Garcia moved that CSSB 461 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 320 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill. The chair moved that public testimony be opened; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 320 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 321 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill. The chair moved that public testimony be opened; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 321 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 322 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill. The chair moved that public testimony be opened; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 322 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.

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The chair laid out SB 323 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill. The chair moved that public testimony be opened; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 323 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 324 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill. The chair moved that public testimony be opened; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 324 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 623 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill. The chair moved that public testimony be opened; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 623 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 624 and recognized the author, Senator Williams, to explain the bill. The chair moved that public testimony be opened; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 624 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 552 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Uresti 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.

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Senator Hinojosa requested unanimous consent to incorporate the amendment into a committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved that public testimony be opened; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 552 do not pass but that CSSB 552 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 593 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nichols 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 public testimony be opened; 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 593 do not pass but that CSSB 593 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.

At 5:23 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 286 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. The chair moved to open public testimony; 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 SB 286 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 449 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair moved that public testimony be opened; there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Hinojosa moved that CSSB 449 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.

At 5:29 PM Senator Hinojosa resumed the chair.

There was no action taken for the following bill(s): CSSB 637 it was still left pending.

There being no further business, at 5:35 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