MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, April 10, 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, April 10, 2013, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM.

There was not a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 634 and recognized the author, Senator Davis, to explain the bill. 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. The bill was left pending until a quorum could be present.

The chair laid out SB 954 and recognized the author, Senator Davis, to explain the bill. 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. The author requested for the bill to stay pending until the next hearing. The chair laid out SB 1087 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. 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. The author requested for the bill to stay pending until the next hearing.

The chair laid out SB 1868 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. 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. The bill was left pending until a quorum could be present.

At 2:50pm a quorum was present.

The chair laid out SB 1853 and recognized the author, Senator Fraser, to explain the bill. 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 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 Garcia moved that SB 1853 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 moved to bring back up SB 634. Senator Nichols moved that SB 634 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 moved to bring back up SB 1868. Senator Garcia moved that SB 1868 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 1116 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 Hinojosa 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 Nichols moved that SB 1116 do not pass but that CSSB 1116 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 1596 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 Hinojosa 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 Nichols moved that SB 1596 do not pass but that CSSB 1596 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 1599 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Garcia moved that SB 1599 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 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 1601 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1601 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 1838 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1838 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 773 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, 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 Nichols moved that SB 773 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 887 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, 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 Garcia moved that SB 887 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 1473 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1473 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 1828 and recognized the author, Senator Deuell, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Deuell 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 to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1828 do not pass but that CSSB 1828 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 433 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols brings down previous substitute. Senator Patrick sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Patrick 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 to open public; 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 433 do not pass but that CSSB 433 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 3:53 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1425 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. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved to open public; 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 1425 do not pass but that CSSB 1425 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 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 766 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Hegar to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved to open public; 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 766 do not pass but that CSSB 766 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:10 PM Senator Hinojosa resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1167 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1167 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 1820 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1820 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 1821 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1821 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 1333 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols 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 Hinojosa 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. The bill was left pending.

The chair laid out SB 1479 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson 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 SB 1479 do not pass but that CSSB 1479 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 1480 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill. Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson 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 SB 1480 do not pass but that CSSB 1480 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 1481 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, 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 Garcia moved that SB 1481 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 1355 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Van de Putte to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Van de Putte moved committee substitute not be adopted. 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 Van de Putte requested that the bill be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 690 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Ellis 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 to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 690 do not pass but that CSSB 690 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.

The chair laid out SB 837 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, 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 Garcia moved that SB 837 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 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 1852 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. The chair moved to public testimony there was none; the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that SB 1852 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 Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 659 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. 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 Hinojosa 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 Nichols moved that SB 659 do not pass but that CSSB 659 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 1031 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill. Senator Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Taylor moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that SB 1031 do not pass but that CSSB 1031 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 Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1341 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1341 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 Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1841 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that SB 1841 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 Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1845 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that SB 1845 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 Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1846 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that SB 1846 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 Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1847 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Taylor moved that SB 1847 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 Taylor moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered

At 6:23 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1098 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. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1098 do not pass but that CSSB 1098 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 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 1510 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. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The chair moved to open public testimony there was none. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1510 do not pass but that CSSB 1510 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:37 PM Senator Hinojosa resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1837 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, 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 1837 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 1383 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 Hinojosa 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 Nichols moved that SB 1383 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

No action taken on the following bills: SB 1244 and SB 1834

Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on April 3, 2013; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Juan Hinojosa, Chair

JD Pedraza, Clerk