

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Monday, April 15, 2013

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Monday, April 15, 2013, in the Senate Chamber.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Robert Duncan, Chair  
Senator Bob Deuell, Vice Chair  
Senator Rodney Ellis  
Senator Troy Fraser  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Leticia Van de Putte  
Senator Tommy Williams

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1795 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Watson 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.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 1795 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1379 and SB 1386 concurrently and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bills.

Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute to SB 1379 and a committee substitute to SB 1386; the chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference between the committee substitutes and the senate bills as filed. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the committee substitutes; 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1379 and SB 1386 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1630 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Deuell sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator West 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.

Senator Deuell moved that SB 1630 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:42 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1578 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, 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 Duncan moved that SB 1578 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1339 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill.

Senator Duncan sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Duncan to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Duncan moved 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.

At 10:54 AM Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

At 11:00 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

Senator Duncan moved that SB 1339 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 11:22 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 612 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

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

The chair laid out SB 722 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, to explain the bill.

Senator Ellis 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 Ellis moved 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 Ellis moved that SB 722 do not pass but that CSSB 722 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Ellis 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 1379 by Hancock.

Senator Lucio moved that SB 1379 do not pass but that CSSB 1379 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1386 by Hancock.

Senator Lucio moved that SB 1386 do not pass but that CSSB 1386 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1630 by West.

Senator Deuell moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Deuell moved that SB 1630 do not pass but that CSSB 1630 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 1795 by Watson.

Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 1795 do not pass but that CSSB 1795 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 522 by Estes.

Senator Huffman moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 522 do not pass but that CSSB 522 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, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 550 by Uresti.

Senator Ellis moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved that SB 550 do not pass but that CSSB 550 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, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 11:49 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1812 by Duncan.

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

Senator Duncan moved that SB 1812 do not pass but that CSSB 1812 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 11:52 AM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SJR 4 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

At 11:53 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Campbell 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.

At 12:10 PM Senator Duncan resumed the chair.

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.

At 12:26 PM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

Senator Nichols moved that SJR 4 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:42 PM the chair moved that the Committee stand recessed until 1:00 PM; Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:00 PM Senator Duncan reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1458 by Duncan.

The chair reopened 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 Deuell moved that SB 1458 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1459 by Duncan.

The chair reopened 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 Deuell moved that SB 1459 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:41 PM Senator Duncan moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Robert Duncan, Chair

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Kayli Ragsdale, Clerk