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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 9:00 AM Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair Senator Paul Bettencourt Senator Kevin Eltife Senator Kelly Hancock Senator Joan Huffman Senator Lois Kolkhorst Senator Robert Nichols Senator Charles Schwertner Senator Kel Seliger Senator Larry Taylor Senator Carlos Uresti Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kirk Watson Senator John Whitmire

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Nelson laid out SB 2 as pending business.

Testimony was heard on SB 2 - Article VIII. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Executive Council on Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Board of Dental Examiners

Board of Pharmacy

Texas Board of Nursing

Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners

Optometry Board

Board of Examiners of Psychologists

Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

At 10:52 AM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand in recess until 30 minutes upon adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:34 PM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair and reconvened the meeting.

Health Professions Council

Securities Board

Funeral Services Commission

Board of Plumbing Examiners

Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

Board of Professional Land Surveying

Department of Licensing and Regulation

Department of Insurance

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Office of Public Insurance Counsel

Office of Injured Employee Counsel

State Office of Administrative Hearings

Board of Professional Geoscientist

Public Utility Commission

Office of Public Utility Counsel

Texas Medical Board

Racing Commission

Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies

Public testimony was heard.

Senator Nelson closed testimony on Article VIII.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 2 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 3:54 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk