

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

9:15 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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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 Intergovernmental Relations was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt, Vice Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Sylvia Garcia  
Senator Don Huffines  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Van Taylor

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:18 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator José Menéndez, Senator Sylvia Garcia, and Senator Donna Campbell.

The Chair laid out HB 594 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 594 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Garcia submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator

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

The Chair laid out HB 1238 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. No persons testified or registered on the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Huffines moved that HB 1238 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Campbell submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:24 AM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The Chair laid out HB 2744 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., 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. The Chair 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 public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that HB 2744 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:36 AM Senator Lucio, Jr. resumed the chair.

The Chair laid out HB 2762 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that HB 2762 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 714 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, 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 closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that HB 714 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The Chair laid out HB 4290 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Bettencourt sent up committee amendment number one on the proposed substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the amendment. Senator Bettencourt moved adoption of committee amendment number one; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved to roll the adopted amendment into the body of the proposed substitute to create a new committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved adoption of the new committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses 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 Campbell moved that HB 4290 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass and be printed but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Menéndez submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2214 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. No persons testified or registered on the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2214 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Menéndez submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 4180 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that HB 4180 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 714. The Chair moved that HB 714 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The Chair laid out HB 2725 and recognized Senator Garcia, in absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. No persons testified or registered on the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that HB 2725 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 1455 and recognized Senator Garcia, in absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses 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 HB 1455 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 2220 and recognized Senator Garcia, in absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony be opened. Witnesses 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 HB 2220 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out HB 3919 and recognized Senator Garcia, in absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Garcia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. 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 closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that HB 3919 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 11:00 AM the Chair moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Upon a motion made by Senator Lucio, Jr. to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations reconvened at Senator Lucio, Jr.'s desk at 5:09 PM.

The Chair laid out HB 1009 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menéndez, 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 closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that HB 1009 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2762. The Chair moved that HB 2762 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3919. Senator Garcia 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 public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Garcia moved that HB 3919 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass and be printed but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 714. Senator Garcia moved that HB 714 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2762. Senator Campbell moved that HB 2762 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1009. Senator Menéndez moved that HB 1009 be reported back to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2792 and the committee substitute adopted at a previous hearing. Senator Garcia moved that HB 2792 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass and be printed but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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There being no further business, at 5:34 PM the Chair moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair

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Dilip Kanuga, Clerk