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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, April 15, 2019

8:00 AM

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 Monday, April 15, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair
Senator Charles Schwertner, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Pat Fallon
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Robert Nichols

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present at 8:13 AM, the following business was transacted:

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

The Chair laid out SB 2481 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2481 be opened. Witnesses 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 Chair moved that SB 2481 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2517 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2517 be opened. Witnesses registering on the bill are

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shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 2517 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2527 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2527 be opened. Witnesses 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 Chair moved that SB 2527 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:07 AM the Chair moved that the Committee stand at ease.

At 8:10 AM the Chair reconvened the meeting.

The Chair laid out SB 1689 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 1689 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 Chair moved that SB 1689 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2517. Senator Schwertner moved that SB 2517 be reported favorably to the 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 Fallon submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Nichols submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Menéndez 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 2481. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 2481 be reported favorably to the 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 Fallon submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Nichols submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Campbell 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 2527. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 2527 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

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The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Fallon submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Nichols submitted a motion in writing form requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye. Senator Alvarado moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2456 and recognized the author, Senator Powell, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2456 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 Chair moved that SB 2456 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2245 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2245 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 Chair moved that SB 2245 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 681 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill. Senator Alvarado sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Alvarado to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 681 be opened. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 8:43 AM Senator Schwertner assumed the chair.

The Chair moved that the public testimony for SB 681 be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 681 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2078 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up Committee Amendment 1 and was recognized to explain the amendment. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2078 be opened. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

At 9:20 AM Senator Lucio resumed the chair.

The Chair moved that the public testimony for SB 2078 be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 2078 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The Chair laid out SB 2250 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. Senator Menéndez sent up a committee substitute. The Chair recognized Senator Nathan Johnson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2250 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 Menéndez moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 2250 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1763 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 1763 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 Chair moved that SB 1763 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2467 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2467 be opened. Witnesses 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 Chair moved that SB 2467 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2505 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2505 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 Chair moved that SB 2505 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2286 and recognized the author, Senator Fallon, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2286 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 Chair moved that SB 2286 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2521 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2521 be opened. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without

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objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 2521 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2524 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2524 be opened. Witnesses 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 Chair moved that SB 2524 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2525 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2525 be opened. Witnesses 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 Chair moved that SB 2525 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2526 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2526 be opened. Witnesses 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 Chair moved that SB 2526 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2534 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2534 be opened. Witnesses 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 Chair moved that SB 2534 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 2455 and recognized Senator Schwertner, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. The Chair moved that public testimony for SB 2455 be opened. The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 2455 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:09 AM the Chair moved that the Committee stand at ease.

At 10:10 AM the Chair reconvened the meeting.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1763. Senator Alvarado moved that SB 1763 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

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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 Menéndez 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 2245. Senator Fallon moved that SB 2245 be reported favorably to the 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 Fallon 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 2286. Senator Fallon moved that SB 2286 be reported favorably to the 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 Fallon 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 2467. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2467 be reported favorably to the 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 Nichols 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 2505. Senator Schwertner moved that SB 2505 be reported favorably to the 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 Schwertner 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 2521. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2521 be reported favorably to the 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.

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Senator Alvarado 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 2524. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 2524 be reported favorably to the 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 Menéndez 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 2525. Senator Schwertner moved that SB 2525 be reported favorably to the 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 Schwertner 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 2526. Senator Alvarado moved that SB 2526 be reported favorably to the 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 Alvarado 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 2534. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2534 be reported favorably to the 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 Menéndez 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 1579. Senator Alvarado moved adoption of the committee substitute sent up on April 9, 2019; without objection, it was so ordered. The Chair moved that SB 1579 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:24 AM 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

Favianna Moreno, Clerk