

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 17, 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 Higher Education was held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair
Senator Royce West, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Peter Flores
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Kirk Watson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1788 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Creighton moved that SB 1788 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 507 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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 Creighton moved that SB 507 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1198 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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 Creighton moved that SB 1198 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:24 AM roll was called. A quorum was present.

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Bettencourt

Senator Flores

Senator Powell

The chair laid out SB 2011 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

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

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.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 2011 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1678 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Creighton moved that SB 1678 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 847 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 847 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1734 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, 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 Creighton moved that SB 1734 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2231 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson 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 Menéndez 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 Creighton moved that SB 2231 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1540 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1540 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1770 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

The chair laid out SB 1758 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1758 and SB 1779 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2343 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 2343 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 399 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, 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 Creighton moved that SB 399 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2344 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Watson moved that SB 2344 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

Senator Watson resumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:46 AM Senator Watson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

Abby Romero, Clerk