

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROPERTY TAX**

Thursday, May 9, 2019

1:30 PM or upon adjournment

Betty King Committee Room

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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 Property Tax was held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair  
Senator Angela Paxton, Vice Chair  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Juan Hinojosa

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1526 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 1526 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 639 in lieu of SB 135.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 639 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Paxton 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 HB 861.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 861 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1060.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 1060 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 994 in lieu of SB 211.

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

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 994 do not pass but that CSHB 994 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out HB 1815 in lieu of SB 1157.

Senator Paxton moved that HB 1815 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Paxton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1652 in lieu of SB 1361.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1652 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2859 and HJR 95 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Fallon, to explain the bill and resolution.

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 Bettencourt moved that HB 2859 and HJR 95 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1313 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 1313 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2441 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 2441 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1743 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 1743 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2179 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 2179 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 2:27 PM Senator Paxton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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Benjamin Barkley, Clerk