

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Thursday, April 8, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Education was held on Thursday, April 8, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Beverly Powell  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Royce West

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator José Menéndez

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. The roll was called at 10:07AM and a quorum was established. The following business was transacted: The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Hughes, Senator Powell.

The chair laid out SB 1267 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 Taylor moved that SB 1267 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1696 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 Taylor moved that SB 1696 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1697 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 Taylor moved that SB 1697 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:45 AM Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1522 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list

Senator West moved that SB 1522 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2026 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, 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.

At 10:28 AM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1063 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, 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 Taylor moved that SB 1063 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:58 AM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:32 PM Senator Taylor reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1776 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Taylor moved that SB 1776 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 462 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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.

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 Taylor moved that SB 462 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1615 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.

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 Taylor moved that SB 1356 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 369 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

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 Taylor moved that SB 369 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 785 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list

Senator Taylor moved that SB 785 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:42 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1536 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, 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 SB 1536 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:18 PM Senator Taylor resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1356 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, 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 Taylor moved that SB 1356 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:35 PM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

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Bradley Hurt, Clerk