

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Thursday, February 25, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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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 Finance was held on Thursday, February 25, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Dawn Buckingham  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Joan Huffman  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Larry Taylor  
Senator Royce West

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator John Whitmire

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair made opening remarks.

Senator Nelson laid out SB 1. Testimony was heard on SB 1 – Article II. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Invited testimony was heard.

Health and Human Services Commission  
Office of the Inspector General  
Texas Civil Commitment Office

At 11:41 AM Senator Nelson announced that the Committee stand in recess until 1:00 PM.

At 1:04 PM the Committee reconvened.

Department of State Health Services  
Department of Family and Protective Services  
Special Provisions Relating to All Health and Human Services Agencies

The chair closed testimony on Article II.

Senator Nelson moved that SB 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 3:13 PM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed until Friday, February 26, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk