

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Monday, May 23, 2022

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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 Monday, May 23, 2022, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Charles Perry

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair made opening remarks.

The Committee heard invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Property Tax Relief - Examine and recommend ways to reduce Texans' property tax burden.
Review and report on proposals to use or dedicate state revenues in excess of the state spending limit to eliminate the school district maintenance and operations property tax.

Tax Exemptions - Examine Texans' current tax exemptions and report on whether adjustments are merited because of inflation or any other factors.

Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

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

There being no further business, at 2:40 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk