

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

10:00 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 Tuesday, July 12, 2022, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Dawn Buckingham  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Jane Nelson  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Royce West  
Senator John Whitmire

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Kelly Hancock

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

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

Operation Lone Star - Monitor appropriations and spending supporting Operation Lone Star. Evaluate and report on the effectiveness of spending to secure the southern border. Identify and report on resources needed to ensure support for the State National Guard, as well as overall resources necessary for border security for future legislative consideration.

Bail Bond Reform - Monitor the implementation of recent bail bond reform legislation along with its economic impact on the judicial and correctional system. Assess any barriers to implementation, the law's effect on pretrial release and jail populations, and ways to further promote public safety and efficiency.

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 4:25 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk