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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, March 22, 2021

1:00 PM

Ext. Auditorium

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Local Government was held on Monday, March 22, 2021, in the Ext. Auditorium.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Drew Springer
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator José Menéndez, Vice Chair

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 646 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

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

The chair laid out SB 796 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

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

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Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills 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 646 and SB 796 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:58 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:49 PM Senator Bettencourt reconvened the meeting.

At 2:49 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 604 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Nichols moved that SB 604 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 581 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 Nichols moved that SB 581 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 591 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 Nichols moved that SB 591 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:42 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 897 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Springer 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 591 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:08 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 526 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 Nichols moved that SB 526 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:28 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:02 PM Senator Bettencourt 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

Sydney Suss, Clerk