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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, April 19, 2021

12:30 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, April 19, 2021, in the Ext. Auditorium.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

Senator José Menéndez, Vice Chair

Senator Sarah Eckhardt

Senator Roland Gutierrez

Senator Bob Hall

Senator Robert Nichols

Senator Angela Paxton

Senator Drew Springer

Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 12:32 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1222 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 public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 1222 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 504 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 658 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on both bills are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Bettencourt moved SB 504 and SB 658 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1586 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 1586 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 832 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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 public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 832 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1167 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 1167 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1169 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 public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 1169 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 58 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 58 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 403 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 403 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 774 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 774 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:49 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1366 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 public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved SB 1366 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1421 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 public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved SB 1421 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:56 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

At 1:57 PM Senator Bettencourt moved the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:46 PM Senator Bettencourt reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 2046 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2046 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 390 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 390 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2162 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2162 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2164 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2164 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2171 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2171 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2173 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2173 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2182 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2182 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2197 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2197 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 786 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 786 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1099 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

The chair moved public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 1099 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 59.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 59 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 362, the companion bill to SB 326. SB 362 was left pending from a previous hearing.

Senator Menéndez moved HB 362 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 804.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 804 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1088.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 1088 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1165.

Senator Menéndez moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 1165 do not pass but CSSB 1165 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1315.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 1315 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1413.

Senator Paxton moved to withdraw the previous committee substitute and sent up a new committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Paxton moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paxton moved SB 1413 do not pass but CSSB 1413 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 5:37 PM Senator Menéndez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1427.

Senator Nichols moved SB 1427 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Bettencourt moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1428.

Senator Hall moved SB 1428 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out HB 2429, the companion bill to SB 1429. SB 1429 was left pending from a previous hearing.

Senator Nichols moved HB 2429 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1879.

Senator Bettencourt moved to withdraw the previous committee substitute and sent up the new committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Bettencourt moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 1879 do not pass but CSSB 1879 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2180.

Senator Nichols moved SB 2180 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1499.

Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hall moved SB 1499 do not pass but CSSB 1499 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1557.

Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hall moved SB 1557 do not pass but CSSB 1557 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. There being 4 ayes, 4 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent, the motion failed.

Senator Springer moved to reconsider the vote and leave SB 1557 pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1949.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 1949 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1987.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 1987 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2145.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 2145 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2146.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 2146 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2147.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 2147 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2185.

Senator Menéndez moved SB 2185 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Menéndez moved the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini requested to be shown voting aye of the following bills:

HB 362, HB 2429, SB 59, SB 804, SB 1088, SB 1165, SB 1315, SB 1413, SB 1427, SB 1879, SB 1987, SB 2145, SB 2146, SB 2147, SB 2180, SB 2185; and nay on the following bills: SB 1428, SB 1499.

There being no further business, at 5:54 PM Senator Nichols moved 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