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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, April 26, 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 26, 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 12:35 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1169.

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

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

The chair laid out SB 594 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 594 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1919 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1919 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1565 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 1565 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1942 and recognized the author, Senator Gutierrez, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1942 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 385 and recognized the author, Senator Powell, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 385 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1854 and recognized the author, Senator Powell, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1854 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 402 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 that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 402 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 113 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 113 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2166 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2166 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 608 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 608 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2211 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 2211 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1446 and recognized the author, Senator Gutierrez, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1446 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 977 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.
No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.
Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 977 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1410 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Creighton, 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 1410 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2155 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.
No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2155 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2163 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.
No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2163 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 2172 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2172 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2174 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2174 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2216 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2216 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2217 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2217 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2221 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 that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2221 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2143 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2143 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 318 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the author, 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 that SB 318 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2156 and recognized Senator Zaffirini, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2156 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1744 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1744 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2205 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2205 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2207 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2207 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2208 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2208 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2219 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2219 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1412 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton 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 1412 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:09 PM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1436 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 Zaffirini moved that SB 1436 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:08 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 58.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 58 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Zaffirini moved that 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 403.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 403 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Zaffirini moved that 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 504.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 504 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 658.

Senator Springer moved that SB 658 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Springer moved that 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 832.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 832 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Zaffirini moved that 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 1167.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1167 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nichols moved that 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 1169.

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

Senator Nichols moved that SB 1169 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nichols moved that 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 1357.

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

Senator Hall moved that SB 1357 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

At 3:17 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1421.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1421 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

At 3:18 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2046.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 2046 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Zaffirini moved that 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 2163.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2163 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Paxton moved that 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 2166.

Senator Hall moved that SB 2166 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hall moved that 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 2172.

Senator Springer moved that SB 2172 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Springer moved that 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 2174.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 2174 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nichols moved that 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 2205.

Senator Hall moved that SB 2205 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hall moved that 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 2207.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 2207 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Paxton moved that 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 2208.

Senator Springer moved that SB 2208 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Springer moved that 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 2216.

Senator Gutierrez moved that SB 2216 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Gutierrez moved that 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 2217.

Senator Eckhardt moved that SB 2217 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Eckhardt moved that 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 2219.

Senator Springer moved that SB 2219 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Springer moved that 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 1942.

Senator Gutierrez moved that SB 1942 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Gutierrez moved that 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 2211.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 2211 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Nichols moved that 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 1744.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1744 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

At 3:30 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1436.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1436 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

At 3:31 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 385.

Senator Springer moved that SB 385 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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

There being no further business, at 3:33 PM Senator Gutierrez moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

Sydney Suss, Clerk