

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, May 3, 2021

11:30 AM

Ext. Auditorium

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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 Local Government was held on Monday, May 3, 2021, in the Ext. Auditorium.

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#### **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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 11:36 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 777 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.  
Senator Bettencourt moved SB 777 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1333 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved SB 1333 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 2228 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.  
No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.  
Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2228 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2148 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.  
No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.  
Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2148 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2193 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.  
Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Buckingham 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 the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.  
Senator Bettencourt moved SB 2193 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3402 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.  
Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.  
The chair moved the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.  
Senator Bettencourt moved HB 3402 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 840 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.  
Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.  
The chair moved the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.  
Senator Bettencourt moved HB 840 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 604 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.  
Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.  
The chair moved the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.  
Senator Bettencourt moved HB 604 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1745 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 the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.  
Senator Bettencourt moved SB 1745 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 871 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 871 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2941 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved HB 2941 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1947 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Bettencourt moved SB 1947 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2214 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, to explain the bill.

Senator Eckhardt sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt 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 2214 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 977.

Senator Hall moved HB 977 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation 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 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 HB 2494.

Senator Nichols moved HB 2494 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation 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 the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 533.

Senator Bettencourt moved HB 533 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2723.

Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved HB 2723 do not pass but CSHB 2723 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation 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 the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 402.

Senator Gutierrez moved SB 402 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation 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 the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini provided a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on the following bills:

HB 533

HB 977

HB 2494

HB 2723

SB 402

There being no further business, at 1:00 PM Senator Paxton 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

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Sydney Suss, Clerk