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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

9:00 AM

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 Higher Education was held on Wednesday, March 31, 2021, in the Ext. Auditorium.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair
Senator Royce West, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator César Blanco
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Drew Springer
Senator Larry Taylor
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 994 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 Creighton moved that SB 994 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1295 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

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 West moved that SB 1295 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1490 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

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 West moved that SB 1490 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1525 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

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 West moved that SB 1525 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1780 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

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 Creighton moved that SB 1780 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1531 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Creighton moved that SB 1531 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 959 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 Creighton moved that SB 959 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1251 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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 Taylor sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Creighton moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1126 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 that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1126 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1230 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The committee substitute was left pending.

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 Creighton moved that SB 1230 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 165.

Senator West moved that SB 165 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Birdwell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 346.

Senator Springer moved that SB 346 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 480.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 480 do not pass but that CSSB 480 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Birdwell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1251.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1251 do not pass but that CSSB 1251 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Birdwell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1094.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1094 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Birdwell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1490.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1490 do not pass but that CSSB 1490 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that 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 Birdwell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1525 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1525 do not pass but that CSSB 1525 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record

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vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Birdwell submitted a motion in writing requesting unanimous consent to be shown voting aye.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 12:19 PM Senator Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Creighton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'B' and 'C'.

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

Abby Johnston, Clerk