

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 7, 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, April 7, 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 9:09 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1126.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1126 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 959.

Senator West moved that SB 959 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 West 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 1531.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1531 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 moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1385 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton 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 West moved that SB 1385 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 420 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 West moved that SB 420 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1019 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 West moved that SB 1019 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:40 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:38 PM Senator Springer reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1889 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton 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 Paxton 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 1889 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1963 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator West moved that 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 1963 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1701 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini 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 that 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 1701 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1677 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Buckingham to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Paxton moved that 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 1677 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 810 and recognized Senator Paxton, 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 Creighton moved that SB 810 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 2:09 PM Senator Creighton 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 prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

Abby Johnston, Clerk