

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 14, 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 14, 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 9:18 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1797 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Blanco 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 Blanco 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 1797 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1521 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 1521 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1019.

Senator Springer moved that SB 1019 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 Miles 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 1677.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1677 do not pass but that CSSB 1677 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 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 1963.

Senator Miles moved that SB 1963 do not pass but that CSSB 1963 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 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 1230.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Taylor 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.

Senator West moved that SB 1230 do not pass but that CSSB 1230 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 Taylor 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1102.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. Senator Paxton moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1102 do not pass but that CSSB 1102 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 Creighton 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 1780.

Senator Creighton sent up a committee substitute. Senator West moved that the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1780 do not pass but that CSSB 1780 be reported back 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, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1889.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1889 do not pass but that CSSB 1889 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1385.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1385 do not pass but that CSSB 1385 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1701.

Senator Creighton moved that SB 1701 do not pass but that CSSB 1701 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 Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 810.

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

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill. 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.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1159 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

The chair laid out SB 1623 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Taylor assumed the chair.

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

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1159 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved that SB 1623 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1295 as a matter of pending business.

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1295 do not pass but that CSSB 1295 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.

The chair laid out SB 1300 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 Taylor moved that SB 1300 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1888 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 Taylor moved that SB 1888 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 12:20 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 dot above the 'i' in "Creighton".

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

Abby Johnston, Clerk

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