

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

8:00 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 21, 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 8:09 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1860 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 1860 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1237 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton 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 Creighton moved that the committee substitute be left pending; 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 1237 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1467 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Juan Hinojosa 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 1467 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1193 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 1193 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1227 and recognized Senator Birdwell, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 1227 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1826 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 1826 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1622 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

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 1622 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 167 and recognized Senator Birdwell, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

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

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 167 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:21 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made on the Senate floor by Senator Creighton to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, the Chair reconvened the Senate Committee on Higher Education immediately upon adjournment in the Senate Press Room, 2E.9.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1797 by Senator West.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1797 do not pass but that CSSB 1797 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 Blanco 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 1521 by Senator Zaffirini.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1521 do not pass but that CSSB 1521 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, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Blanco 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 1860 Senator Powell.

Senator West moved that SB 1860 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 Blanco 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 810 Senator Kolkhorst.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 810 do not pass but that CSSB 810 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 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 HB 1325 in lieu of SB 420 by Senator Miles.

Senator Miles moved that HB 1325 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.

There being no further business, at 4:47 PM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

Abby Johnston, Clerk