

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS**

Thursday, May 13, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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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 State Affairs was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair  
Senator Brian Birdwell, Vice Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator Jane Nelson  
Senator Beverly Powell  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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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 HB 781 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 Hughes moved that HB 781 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1849 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 Hughes moved that HB 1849 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2301 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that HB 2301 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:38 AM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2064 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 Birdwell moved that HB 2064 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:10 AM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 365 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that HB 365 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 957 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Hughes moved that HB 957 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1920 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Hughes moved that HB 1920 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3107 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3107 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3721 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Hughes moved that HB 3721 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:53 AM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed until 2 PM or upon adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Hughes to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, the Senate Committee on State Affairs reconvened in the Senate Chamber at 5:35 PM.

The chair laid out HB 1128 and recognized Senator Campbell, 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 Hughes moved that HB 1128 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2622 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, 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 Hughes moved that HB 2622 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1069 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, 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 Hughes moved that HB 1069 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1387 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1387 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:19 PM Senator Birdwell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 851 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 that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 851 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 Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1382 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 that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 1382 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 Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:26 PM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 365 as a matter of pending business HB 365. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 365 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.

The chair laid out HB 781 as a matter of pending business. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 781 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; however, a Motion in Writing submitted disqualified the bill from the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

The chair laid out HB 1069 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1069 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 HB 1387 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1387 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Birdwell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; however, a Motion in Writing submitted disqualified the bill from the Local & Uncontested Calendar.

The chair laid out HB 1849 as a matter of pending business. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 1849 do not pass but that CSHB 1849 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2301 as a matter of pending business. Senator Birdwell moved that HB 2301 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 HB 3721 as a matter of pending business. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that HB 3721 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senators Nelson, Powell, Schwertner, and Zaffirini submitted Motions in Writing.

There being no further business, at 6:36 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

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Courtney Smith, Clerk