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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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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 Natural Resources & Economic Development was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair  
Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair  
Senator Carol Alvarado  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Juan Hinojosa  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.  
Senator Kel Seliger

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum being established at 9:07 AM the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senators Alvarado, Hancock, Hinojosa, Hughes, and Kolkhorst.

The chair laid out SB 1649 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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.

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Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1649 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 696 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 Birdwell moved that SB 696 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1555 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 SB 1555 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1801 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 SB 1801 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2099 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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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 SB 2099 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 770 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 SB 770 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 828 and recognized the author, 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 senate bill as filed.

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 SB 828 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1468 and recognized Senator Hancock, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 SB 1468 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:37 AM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

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The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1258.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1258 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1259.

Senator Birdwell 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 Birdwell moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1259 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:41 AM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

At 9:42 AM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed until approximately 30 to 45 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 12:47 PM Senator Birdwell reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 696.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 696 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, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hancock submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown present not voting on SB 696. Senators Hughes submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 696.

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 1649.

Senator Seliger moved that SB 1649 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown vote aye on SB 1649.

Senator Seliger 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 770.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 770 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. Senators Hinojosa and Hughes submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown vote aye on SB 770.

Senator Kolkhorst 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 828.

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

Senator Hughes moved that SB 828 do not pass but that CSSB 828 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 Hinojosa submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown vote aye on SB 828.

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 as a matter of pending business SB 1555.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1555 do not pass but that CSSB 1555 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 Hinojosa submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown vote aye on SB 1555.

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 1801.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1801 do not pass but that CSSB 1801 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 Hinojosa submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown vote aye on SB 1801.

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 2099.

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

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 2099 do not pass but that CSSB 2099 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 Hinojosa submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown vote aye on SB 2099.

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 HB 1472 in lieu of SB 579 which was left pending from a previous hearing.

Senator Zaffirini moved that HB 1472 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

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nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Hinojosa submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown vote aye on HB 1472.

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 HB 2660 in lieu of SB 881 which was left pending from a previous hearing.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2660 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 Hinojosa submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown vote aye on HB 2660.

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

At 12:57 PM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1258.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1258 do not pass but that CSSB 1258 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 Hinojosa submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown vote aye on SB 1258.

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 CSSB 1259.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1259 do not pass but that CSSB 1259 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 Hinojosa submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown vote aye on SB 1259.

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

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At 12:58 PM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 1:01 PM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

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Clinton Harned, Clerk