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

Thursday, May 20, 2021

8:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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, May 20, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair

Senator Carol Alvarado

Senator Kelly Hancock

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

Senator Kel Seliger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. A quorum being established at 8:05 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Carol Alvarado

Senator Kelly Hancock

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill(s):

HB 1501

HB 1520

HB 2607

HB 2708

The chair laid out HB 1247 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Powell, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Powell 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 1247 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3938 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Powell, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Powell 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 3938 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2345 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, 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 HB 2345 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3584 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 3584 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4305 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Zaffirini sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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 4305 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4279 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, 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 HB 4279 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2172 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., to explain the bill.

Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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.

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Senator Birdwell moved that HB 2172 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3416 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, Jr., to explain the bill.

No witnesses testified or registered on the bill.

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 3416 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2209 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Gutierrez, 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 HB 2209 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3217 and recognized Senator Seliger, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 3217 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4056 and recognized Senator Seliger, 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 Birdwell moved that HB 4056 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3097 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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 HB 3097 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 21 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 21 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:58 AM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2361 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 Hinojosa moved that HB 2361 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4103 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 4103 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:12 AM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 619 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Senator Alvarado sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado 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 619 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3257 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, 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 HB 3257 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3682 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, 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 HB 3682 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4110 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

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Senator Alvarado sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 4110 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:46 AM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed until 45 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:44 PM Senator Birdwell reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 2708 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 Birdwell moved that HB 2708 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1520 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 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 1520 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2136 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, 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 HB 2136 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2607 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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 2607 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:55 PM Senator Kolkhorst assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1501 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 1501 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4472 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Birdwell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 4472 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:13 PM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 8:15 PM Senator Birdwell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Clinton Harned, Clerk