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

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development was held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chair

Senator Judith Zaffirini, Vice Chair

Senator Carol Alvarado

Senator Kelly Hancock

Senator Juan Hinojosa

Senator Lois Kolkhorst

Senator Kel Seliger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Alvarado

Senator Kolkhorst

At 9:03 AM Senator Zaffirini assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 7 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 7 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

At 10:59 AM Senator Birdwell resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 10:59 AM 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