

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator John Whitmire, Chair
Senator Joan Huffman, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Robert Nichols

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. There not being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1545 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

There being no testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:34 AM roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Robert Nichols

Senator Birdwell moved that HB 1545 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, 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 375 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

There being no testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 375 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1012 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

There being no testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 1012 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2669 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

There being no testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2669 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 39 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Whitmire sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Whitmire moved 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 39 do not pass but that CSHB 39 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1403 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

There being no testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that HB 1403 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

At 9:04 AM Senator Huffman assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2343 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Whitmire, to explain the bill.

There being no testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Whitmire moved that HB 2343 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 3165 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Whitmire, to explain the bill.

There being no testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Whitmire moved that HB 3165 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

At 9:08 AM Senator Whitmire assumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:08 AM Senator Whitmire moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator John Whitmire, Chair

Giovanna DiNapoli, Clerk