

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair
Senator Kel Seliger, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator César Blanco
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1081 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Nichols moved that HB 1081 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1053 and recognized the author, 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 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 Nichols moved that SB 1053 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1990 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1990 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2677 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, 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 Nichols moved that HB 2677 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2678 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Taylor, 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 Nichols moved that HB 2678 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2012 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, 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 Nichols moved that SB 2012 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Seliger assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2054 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill. Senator Alvarado sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

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 Nichols moved that SB 2054 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1116 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 Nichols moved that HB 1116 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1185 and recognized the author, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1185 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1815 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill. Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Seliger 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 Nichols moved that SB 1815 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1865 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1865 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1907 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West 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 Nichols moved that SB 1907 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1910 and recognized Senator Alvarado, in the absence of the author, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1910 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Seliger assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 5 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols 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 Alvarado moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Alvarado moved that HB 5 do not pass but that CSHB 5 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 Blanco, Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Alvarado moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1081, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that HB 1081 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 Blanco, Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1116, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Alvarado moved that HB 1116 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 Blanco and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Alvarado moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2677, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved that HB 2677 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 Blanco, Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 HB 2678, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved that HB 2678 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 Blanco, Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to

be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 SB 1185, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Alvarado moved that SB 1185 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 Blanco, Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Alvarado moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1815, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 1815 do not pass but that CSSB 1815 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 Blanco, Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 SB 1907, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 1907 do not pass but that CSSB 1907 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 Blanco, Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 SB 1910, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Alvarado moved that SB 1910 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 Blanco, Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Alvarado moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1865, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 1865 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 Blanco and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1990, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 1990 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 Blanco and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2012, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Seliger moved that SB 2012 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 Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 SB 2054, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 2054 do not pass but that CSSB 2054 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 Blanco, Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 206, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Seliger moved to withdraw a committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. 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. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 206 do not pass but that CSSB 206 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 Blanco, Senator

Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1270, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Seliger moved to withdraw a committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Seliger moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 1270 do not pass but that CSSB 1270 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 Blanco, Senator Kolkhorst and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1838, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute sent at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 1838 do not pass but that CSSB 1838 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 Blanco and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:06 AM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair

Amy Jeter, Clerk