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SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

7:30 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, May 19, 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 7:30 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 1698 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill. Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 Nichols moved that HB 1698 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3026 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 3026 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3286 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 Nichols moved that HB 3286 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1863 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill. Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez 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 Nichols moved that HB 1863 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3319 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 3319 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3324 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill. Senator Blanco 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 Nichols moved that HB 3324 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3665 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill. Senator Blanco 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 Nichols moved that HB 3665 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3949 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, 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 3949 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4073 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. The chair opened public testimony. There being no public testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 4073 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3531 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 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 Nichols moved that HB 3531 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3533 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

Testimony continued.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

Testimony continued.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that HB 3533 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3853 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry 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 Nichols moved that HB 3853 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3630 and recognized Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Nichols moved that HB 3630 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HJR 99 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nichols, 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 HJR 99 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, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator West moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was reported favorably; without objection, it was ordered. Senator West moved to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Seliger and Senator Blanco requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1505, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. 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. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1505 do not pass but that CSHB 1505 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 HB 1698, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1698 do not pass but that CSHB 1698 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 HB 1863, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1863 do not pass but that CS HB 1863 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 HB 3026, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Alvarado moved that HB 3026 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 3286, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Alvarado moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Alvarado moved that HB 3286 do not pass but that CS HB 3286 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 3319, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that HB 3319 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 HB 3324, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 3324 do not pass but that CS HB 3324 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 HB 3531, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 3531 do not pass but that CSHB 3531 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 HB 3533, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that HB 3533 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 HB 3630, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that HB 3630 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 HB 3665, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 3665 do not pass but that CSHB 3665 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco 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 HB 3853, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Perry moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 3853 do not pass but that CSHB 3853 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4073, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 4073 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 Seliger and Senator Blanco requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill(s): HB 1698, HB 3286, and HB 4073.

There being no further business, at 8:48 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

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