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### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERAN AFFAIRS & BORDER SECURITY**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
1:30 PM or upon adjournment  
Betty King Committee Room

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Donna Campbell, Chair  
Senator Bob Hall, Vice Chair  
Senator César Blanco  
Senator Sarah Eckhardt  
Senator Roland Gutierrez  
Senator Kel Seliger  
Senator Larry Taylor

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Sarah Eckhardt, Senator César Blanco, Senator Larry Taylor.

The chair recognized Shawn Debay to lead the Committee in the Pledges to the United States and Texas flags'.

The chair laid out SB 456 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute.

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The chair recognized Senator Lucio 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 Hall moved that SB 456 do not pass but that CSSB 456 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 Taylor submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 456.

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 1254 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Hall 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.

At 2:14 PM Senator Seliger assumed the chair.

Senator Seliger moved that CSSB 1254 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 932 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

At 2:45 PM Senator Campbell resumed the chair.

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

Senator Campbell moved that SB 932 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 2:50 PM Senator Campbell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Donna Campbell, Chair

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Brandon Gajeton, Clerk