

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Thursday, April 13, 2023

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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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 Subcommittee on Higher Education was held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair  
Senator Mayes Middleton, Vice Chair  
Senator Drew Springer  
Senator Royce West

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Phil King

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM. A quorum was established at 9:15 AM, and the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 969 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Middleton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Creighton moved that the committee substitute be left pending to await a quorum; 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 Creighton moved that SB 969 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 427 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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No witnesses registered or testified.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SB 427 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 518 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Creighton moved that SB 518 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2059 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

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

Senator West assumed the chair.

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

Senator West moved that SB 2059 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1350 and recognized the author, Senator LaMantia, 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 West moved that SB 1350 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1987 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, 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.

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Senator West moved that SB 1987 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:08 AM Senator West moved that the committee stand at ease.

At 10:29 AM Senator Creighton reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 696 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 Creighton moved that SB 696 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1565 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Springer 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 Creighton moved that SB 1565 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 601 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

At 10:49 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:12 PM Senator Springer reconvened the meeting.

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.

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Senator Springer moved that SB 601 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 865 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Springer moved that SB 865 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:20 PM Senator Springer moved that the committee stand at ease.

At 3:23 PM Senator West reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1442 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, 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 West moved that SB 1442 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1876 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 West moved that SB 1876 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2335 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

Senator Middleton sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Middleton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator West moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator West moved that SB 2335 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1887 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 Creighton moved that SB 1887 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1517 and recognized Senator Middleton, 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 Creighton moved that SB 1517 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2538 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 Middleton moved that SB 2538 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2136 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Springer 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 Middleton moved that SB 2136 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 4:55 PM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Creighton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

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Abby Johnston, Clerk