

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

4:00 PM or upon adjournment

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 Local Government was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair  
Senator Sarah Eckhardt  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Tan Parker  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Royce West

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Drew Springer, Vice Chair  
Senator Roland Gutierrez

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The chair called the meeting to order at 4:55 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Tan Parker

The chair laid out the committee substitute for SB 1215 and recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair recognized Senator Nichols to adopt the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols to lay out the substitute for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that the committee substitute for SB 1215 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out the committee substitute for SB 888 and recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair recognized Senator Perry to adopt the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker to lay out the substitute for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator West moved that the committee substitute for SB 888 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. Senator Parker moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out the committee substitute for SB 62 and recognized Senator Eckhardt to adopt the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt to lay out the substitute for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Eckhardt moved that the committee substitute for SB 62 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. 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 the committee substitute for SB 542 and recognized Senator Hall to adopt the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to lay out the substitute for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Hall moved that the committee substitute for SB 542 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. Senator Hall moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out the committee substitute for SB 1188 and recognized Senator West to adopt the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West to lay out the substitute for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator West moved that the committee substitute for SB 1188 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. 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 1730 and recognized Senator Eckhardt to lay out the bill for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Eckhardt moved that SB 1730 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Senator Eckhardt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out the committee substitute for SB 2018 and recognized Senator Parker to adopt the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker to lay out the substitute for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Parker moved that the committee substitute for SB 2018 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

The chair laid out the committee substitute for SB 2147 and recognized Senator Nichols to adopt the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols to lay out the substitute for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Nichols moved that the committee substitute for SB 2147 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:07 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair and Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out the committee substitute for SB 1487 and recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to adopt the committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to lay out the substitute for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator West moved that the committee substitute for SB 1487 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. 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 the committee substitute for SB 1990 and recognized Senator West to lay out the substitute for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator West moved that the committee substitute for SB 1990 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed. 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 1991 and recognized Senator Bettencourt to lay out the bill for a vote. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator West moved that SB 1991 be reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and

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

At 5:10 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:11 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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Marissa Pryor, Clerk