

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Thursday, April 13, 2023

2:30 PM or upon adjournment

Senator Hughes's Desk

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Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Senator Hughes's Desk.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair  
Senator Angela Paxton, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Brian Birdwell  
Senator Morgan LaMantia  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Mayes Middleton  
Senator Tan Parker  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Charles Perry

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The chair called the meeting to order at 2:46 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Paul Bettencourt

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 997. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Menéndez moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 997 do not pass but that CSSB 997 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator

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

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1029. Senator Birdwell moved that SB 1029 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1044. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1044 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Zaffirini moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1131. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 1131 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Zaffirini moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1617. Senator Menéndez moved that SB 1617 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1780.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Parker moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Parker moved that SB 1780 do not pass but that CSSB 1780 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2120. Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. Senator Zaffirini moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 2120 do not pass but that CSSB 2120 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion

carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Zaffirini moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2258. Senator Parker moved that SB 2258 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Parker moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 2:55 PM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

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Taryn Taylor, Clerk

Motions in writing were received from Senator Bettencourt and Senator Schwertner.