

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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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 Transportation was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair  
Senator Royce West, Vice Chair  
Senator Carol Alvarado  
Senator Sarah Eckhardt  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Phil King  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Tan Parker  
Senator Charles Perry

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 280 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 SB 280 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1741 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 Nichols moved that SB 1741 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1418 and recognized the author, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill. Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator LaMantia 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 Nichols moved that SB 1418 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 540 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 Nichols moved that SB 540 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2150 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. The chair opened the floor for public testimony. There being no public testimony, the chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 2150 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 2 and recognized the author, 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 West moved that SCR 2 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2150, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2150 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 Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 2, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that SCR 2 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 Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 280, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 280 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 Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 540, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 540 do not pass but that CSSB 540 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 Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 1418, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 1418 do not pass but that CSSB 1418 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 Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 1741, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 1741 do not pass but that CSSB 1741 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 Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 261, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Eckhardt sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Eckhardt moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Eckhardt moved that SB 261 do not pass but that CSSB 261 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Eckhardt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 684, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Perry moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 684 do not pass but that CSSB 684 be reported back to

the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed to receive an affirmative vote with a record vote of 3 ayes, 5 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out SB 1260 and a committee substitute adopted at a previous hearing. Senator West moved to reconsider the vote by which the committee substitute for SB 1260 was reported to the full Senate; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 1260 do not pass but that CSSB 1260 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. 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 1413 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Johnson 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 Nichols moved that SB 1413 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 446 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 SB 446 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1182 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, 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 1182 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 702 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 702 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1869 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 1869 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 957 and recognized the author, 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 Alvarado moved that SB 957 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 Nichols and Senator Miles 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 SB 1364 and recognized the author, 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 West moved that SB 1364 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1663 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

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 Hancock moved that SB 1663 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:18 AM Senator Hancock moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Robert Nichols, Chair

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Amy Jeter, Clerk