

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, April 5, 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, April 5, 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 790 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 Nichols moved that SB 790 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1370 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill. Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton 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 1370 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 528 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 Nichols moved that SB 528 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1495 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill. Senator Perry 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 1495 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1914 and recognized Senator Perry, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1914 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2221 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Miles sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry 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 2221 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2102 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill. Senator Miles sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles 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 2102 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2144 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill. Senator Parker sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Parker 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 2144 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1387 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill. Senator Parker sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 1387 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1524 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, 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 1524 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The Committee stood at ease.

At 9:55 AM Senator Nichols reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 790, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that SB 790 be reported favorably 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 King and Senator Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1495, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1495 do not pass but that CSSB 1495 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 King and Senator Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1524, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1524 be reported favorably 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 King and Senator Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1914, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1914 be reported favorably 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 King and Senator Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2102, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was

so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 2102 do not pass but that CSSB 2102 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 King and Senator Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2144, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Parker moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Parker moved that SB 2144 do not pass but that CSSB 2144 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 King and Senator Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 SB 2221, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 2221 do not pass but that CSSB 2221 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 2 absent. Senator Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1387, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hancock moved to withdraw a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hancock moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 1387 do not pass but that CSSB 1387 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, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 702, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Perry moved that SB 702 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 Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1182, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Eckhardt moved that SB 1182 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 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 1364, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Alvarado moved that SB 1364 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1413, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Eckhardt moved to withdraw a committee substitute sent up at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. 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 1413 do not pass but that CSSB 1413 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 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 1663, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Alvarado moved that SB 1663 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 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 1869, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Perry moved that SB 1869 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 Perry 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 10:19 AM Senator Nichols 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