

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Monday, March 24, 2025

10:00 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 Economic Development was held on Monday, March 24, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Phil King, Chair  
Senator Kevin Sparks, Vice Chair  
Senator Carol Alvarado  
Senator Nathan Johnson  
Senator Charles Schwertner

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. There being a quorum present at 10:03 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senators Alvarado, Johnson, Schwertner.

The chair laid out SB 1728 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1728, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1728 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 209 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 209, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 209 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1592 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Schwertner sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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.

There being no further witnesses on SB 1592, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1592 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 462.

Senator Sparks moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 462 do not pass but that CSSB 462 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Sparks 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 519.

Senator Schwertner moved that SB 519 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Sparks 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 878.

Senator Sparks moved that SB 878 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Sparks 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 1228.

Senator Sparks moved that SB 1228 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Sparks 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 1350.

Senator Alvarado moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Sparks moved that SB 1350 do not pass but that CSSB 1350 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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 as a matter of pending business SB 1535.

Senator Sparks moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Sparks moved that SB 1535 do not pass but that CSSB 1535 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The chair laid out SCR 37 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SCR 37, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SCR 37 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 38 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SCR 38, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SCR 38 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1265 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1265 public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1265 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 529 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 529, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 529 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 11:33 AM Senator Sparks moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Phil King, Chair

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Jack Herrell, Clerk