

## **MINUTES**

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

Monday, April 14, 2025

9:00 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, April 14, 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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Charles Schwertner

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum was established at 9:03 AM. The following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after roll was called: Senator Alvarado and Senator Johnson.

The chair laid out SB 2133 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy", to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 2133, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 2133 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1556 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1556, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1556 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1854 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1854, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1854 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1483 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, Adam, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1483, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1483 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2297 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 2297, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 2297 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1071 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt 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 1071, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1071 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1756 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 1756, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1756 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2779 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Birdwell 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 2779, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 2779 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:27 AM Senator Alvarado assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2622 and recognized the author, Senator King, to explain the bill.

Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator King 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 2622, public testimony was closed.

Senator Alvarado moved that SB 2622 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:31 AM Senator King resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1444 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Johnson 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.

There being no further witnesses on SB 1444, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1444 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1703 and recognized Senator Alvarado, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado 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 1703, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 1703 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2979 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

Senator Alvarado sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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 2979, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 2979 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2036 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 2036, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 2036 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2955 and recognized Senator Alvarado, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado 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 2955, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 2955 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:50 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