

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Monday, May 5, 2025

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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, May 5, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Members arriving after roll call: Senator Alvarado.

The chair laid out HB 2791 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on HB 2791, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that HB 2791 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1950 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on HB 1950, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that HB 1950 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2603 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 2603, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 2603 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2607 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on SB 2607 public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that SB 2607 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2027 and recognized Senator Schwertner, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on HB 2027, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that HB 2027 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3698 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 3698 public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that HB 3698 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2565 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West 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 2565, public testimony was closed.

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

Senator Sparks moved that SB 2565 do not pass but that CSSB 2565 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 HB 1397 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on HB 1397, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that HB 1397 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3699 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 3699, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that HB 3699 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:36 AM Senator Sparks assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1893 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator King, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on HB 1893, public testimony was closed.

Senator Sparks moved that HB 1893 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3700 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator King, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on HB 3700, public testimony was closed.

Senator Sparks moved that HB 3700 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:46 AM Senator King resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:47 AM Senator King moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Phil King, Chair

Jack Herrell, Clerk