

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Thursday, February 13, 2025

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

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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 Finance was held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair  
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair  
Senator Carol Alvarado  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Brandon Creighton  
Senator Pete Flores  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator Robert Nichols  
Senator Angela Paxton  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Charles Schwertner  
Senator Royce West  
Senator Judith Zaffirini

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Donna Campbell

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The Chair made opening remarks.

The Chair laid out SB 1.

Testimony was heard on SB 1 – Article VIII, Regulatory and Article IX, General Provisions.  
Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Public Utility Commission  
Office of Public Utility Counsel  
Behavioral Health Executive Council  
Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
Board of Dental Examiners

At 9:55 AM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand in recess.

At 1:14 PM the Committee reconvened.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Texas Medical Board  
Texas Board of Nursing  
Optometry Board  
Board of Pharmacy  
Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners  
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
State Office of Administrative Hearings  
Funeral Service Commission  
Board of Professional Geoscientists  
Health Professions Council  
Office of Injured Employee Counsel  
Department of Insurance

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

Office of Public Insurance Counsel  
Department of Licensing and Regulation  
Board of Plumbing Examiners  
Racing Commission  
Securities Board  
Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies

Article IX, General Provisions

The Chair closed public testimony.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman announced the following workgroups:

Articles I, IV and V

Senator Schwertner, Chair

Senator Hinojosa

Senator Flores

Article II

Senator Kolkhorst, Chair

Senator Alvarado

Senator Paxton

Article III, Public Education

Senator Creighton, Chair

Senator Campbell

Senator West

Article III, Higher Education

Senator Bettencourt, Chair

Senator Campbell

Senator Zaffirini

Articles VI, VII and VIII

Senator Nichols, Chair

Senator Perry

Senator Hall

There being no further business, at 4:11 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

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Stephanie Hoover, Clerk