

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

8:00 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 Transportation was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair
Senator Royce West, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Brent Hagenbuch
Senator Juan Hinojosa
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Phil King
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Charles Perry

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 744 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

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 744 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1772 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. No witnesses registered or testified on the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1772 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 546 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill. Senator West sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez 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 546 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 249 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Flores 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 249 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1227 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, 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 1227 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1353 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, Adam, 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 1353 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1709 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, Adam, 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 1709 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 927 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 927 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1816 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa 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. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1816 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1841 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, 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 1841 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1394 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 1394 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1229 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. No witnesses registered or testified on the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1229 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1744 and recognized Senator Bettencourt, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. No witnesses registered or testified on the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1744 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1464 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, 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 1464 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1939 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 1939 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1729 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, 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 1729 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1745 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton 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 1745 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1746 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. 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 1746 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1733 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Hinojosa sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa 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 1733 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1366 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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 West moved that SB 1366 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1365 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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 West moved that SB 1365 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1366, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1366 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 Johnson, Senator King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 927, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 927 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1227, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 1227 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1229, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 1229 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1353, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 1353 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1464, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1464 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1709, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1709 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1729, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Miles moved that SB 1729 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Miles moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1733, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 1733 do not pass but that CSSB 1733 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1744, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 1744 do not pass but that CSSB 1744 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1772, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 1772 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1816, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 1816 do not pass but that CSSB 1816 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1841, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Johnson moved that SB 1841 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1939, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hinojosa moved adoption of a committee substitute sent up earlier in the hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that SB 1939 do not pass but that CSSB 1939 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 King and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

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There being no further business, at 10:34 AM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair

Amy Jeter, Clerk