

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

8:00 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 Transportation was held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **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

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

The chair laid out HB 647 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hagenbuch, 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 HB 647 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2029 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hagenbuch, 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 HB 2029 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4804 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hagenbuch, 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 HB 4804 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2003 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2003 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2775 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2775 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 791 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menéndez, 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 HB 791 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

The chair laid out HB 1242 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Juan Hinojosa, 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 HB 1242 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1729 and recognized Senator Johnson, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 1729 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2061 and recognized Senator Johnson, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2061 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3611 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, 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 HB 3611 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3751 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 Nichols moved that HB 3751 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 Bettencourt 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 HB 2061, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that HB 2061 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 Bettencourt 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 HB 647, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hagenbuch moved that HB 647 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 Bettencourt and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 791, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that HB 791 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 Bettencourt 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 HB 1242, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1242 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 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 HB 1729, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that HB 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 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 HB 2003, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2003 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2029, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hagenbuch moved that HB 2029 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 Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2775, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that HB 2775 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 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 HB 3611, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Miles moved that HB 3611 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 Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4804, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hagenbuch moved that HB 4804 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 Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hagenbuch moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out HB 2522, in lieu of SB 1104. Senator Bettencourt moved that HB 2522 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 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.

There being no further business, at 8:57 AM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Robert Nichols, Chair

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Amy Jeter, Clerk