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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, March 24, 2025

12:30 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Local Government was held on Monday, March 24, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator Mayes Middleton, Vice Chair
Senator Molly Cook
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Senator Mayes Middleton called the meeting to order at 12:38 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Angela Paxton

The chair laid out SB 464 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, 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 Middleton moved that SB 464 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1173 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 Middleton moved that SB 1173 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 996 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.
Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.
Senator Middleton moved that SB 996 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1548 and recognized Senator Gutierrez, 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 Middleton moved that SB 1548 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1882 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Middleton moved that SB 1882 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:26 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 617.
Senator Nichols moved that SB 617 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1059.
Senator Middleton moved that SB 1059 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 1:31 PM Senator Middleton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1567.
Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute.
The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Paxton moved that SB 1567 do not pass but that CSSB 1567 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 1:34 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1277 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Parker 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1277 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1163 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Witnesses 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1163 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:45 PM Senator Middleton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2016 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Middleton moved that SB 2016 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:49 PM Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

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At 5:03 PM Senator Bettencourt reconvened the meeting.

At 5:03 PM Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 32 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Middleton moved that SB 32 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1453 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Middleton moved that SB 1453 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1883 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Middleton moved that SB 1883 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1452 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, 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 Middleton moved that SB 1452 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:14 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 6:14 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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