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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, April 14, 2025
11:00 AM or upon adjournment/recess
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, April 14, 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

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:46 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1052 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, J , to explain the bill. Senator Cook sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa, J 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 Middleton moved that SB 1052 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1531 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, J , to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa, J 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 Middleton moved that SB 1531 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 325 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 325 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 994 and SJR 46 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bills.

Witnesses testifying and registering on SB 994 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 994 and SJR 46 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 467 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 467 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SJR 84 and recognized in place of the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SJR 84 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1237 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1237 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2073.

Senator West moved that SB 2073 be reported favorably 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.

Senator Gutierrez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2172 and recognized Senator Paxton, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2172 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2173 and recognized Senator Paxton, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 2173 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2063 and recognized Senator Paxton, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 2063 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:38 PM Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 867 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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

At 5:56 PM Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols moved that SB 867 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1449 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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.

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

Senator Nichols moved that SB 1449 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2520 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 Nichols moved that SB 2520 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2529 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

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.

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

Senator Nichols moved that SB 2529 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2538 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 Nichols moved that SB 2538 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2541 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 Nichols moved that SB 2541 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:27 PM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

At 7:27 PM Senator Bettencourt recognized a motion in writing from Senator Middleton as voting aye on SB 2073.

There being no further business, at 7:27 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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