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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

9:30 AM

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 Intergovernmental Relations was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Royce West, Chair

Senator Robert Nichols, Vice Chair

Senator Mario Gallegos, Jr.

Senator Dan Patrick

Senator Jeff Wentworth

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The following business was transacted:

The Chair laid out SB 641 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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 641 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 641 do not pass but that CSSB 641 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1393 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, 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 1393 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 1393 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 373 and recognized the author, Senator Duncan, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Duncan to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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 373 be left pending to await a quorum. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that SB 373 do not pass but that CSSB 373 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nichols moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:45 AM Senator Nichols assumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 1240 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up Committee Amendment 1 and was recognized to explain the amendment. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator West moved adoption of Committee Amendment 1. Without objection, the amendment was adopted.

Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator West requested unanimous consent to incorporate Committee Amendment 1 into a committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator West then moved that the committee substitute be adopted. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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.

At 9:55 AM Senator West resumed the Chair.

At 9:56 AM a quorum was established.

Senator Nichols moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on April 6, 2011. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:57 AM Senator Nichols assumed the Chair.

Senator West moved that SB 1240 do not pass but that CSSB 1240 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

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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 1368 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator West to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator West moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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 1368 do not pass but that CSSB 1368 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

At 10:01 AM Senator West resumed the Chair.

The Chair laid out SB 1673 and recognized the author, Senator Gallegos, 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 Gallegos, Jr. moved that SB 1673 be left pending. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Chair laid out SB 1592 and recognized Senator Nichols, 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.

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Senator Nichols moved that SB 1592 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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 1596 and recognized Senator Nichols, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute; the Chair recognized Senator Nichols to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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 1596 do not pass but that CSSB 1596 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

The Chair laid out SB 1385 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, 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 1385 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Nichols 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 10:22 AM Senator West moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the Chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Royce West, Chair

Tiffany White, Clerk