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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, March 9, 2011
1:00 PM or upon adjournment
Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Economic Development was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Mike Jackson, Chair
Senator Troy Fraser, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Kevin Eltife
Senator Chris Harris
Senator Kirk Watson
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 1.00 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Clerk called roll.

Senator Jackson laid out the proposed committee rules. Senator Zaffirini moved adoption of the committee rules. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jackson introduced committee staff. Members of the committee introduced their staff.

The chair laid out SB 309 and recognized the author, Senator Harris, to explain the bill.

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

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

Senator Jackson moved that SB 309 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 458 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 Jackson moved that SB 458 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 439 and recognized the author, Senator Van de Putte, 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 Jackson moved that SB 439 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 520 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, to explain the bill.

Senator Watson sent up Committee Amendment 1 and moved adoption; without objection, the amendment was adopted.

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 Jackson moved that SB 520 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 580 and recognized the author, Senator Hegar, 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 Jackson moved that SB 580 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 314 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Jackson moved that SB 314 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Harris assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 563 and recognized the author, Senator Jackson, 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 Harris moved that SB 563 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 638 and recognized the author, Senator Jackson, to explain the bill.

Senator Jackson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Jackson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Harris 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 Jackson moved that SB 638 do not pass but that CSSB 638 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.

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

Senator Jackson moved that SB 563 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 Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jackson resumed the chair.

Senator Harris moved that SB 309 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 Harris moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Watson moved that SB 439 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 Watson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birdwell moved that SB 458 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 Zaffirini moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Harris moved that SB 520, as amended, 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.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 580 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.

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Senator Harris 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 2:40 PM Senator Jackson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Eltife and Senator Fraser were shown voting aye on the following bills:
SB 309, SB 439, SB 458, SB 520, SB 563, SB 580, SB 638.

Senator Mike Jackson, Chair

Colby Karhan, Clerk