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SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Monday, April 20, 2015

8:30 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 Monday, April 20, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt, Vice Chair
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Sylvia Garcia
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Larry Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM. The following business was heard:

The chair laid out SB 305 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up Committee substitute and chair asked that Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the bill and its substitute. 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 305 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1436 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1436 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 1266 and recognized the author, Senator Estes, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1266 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 976 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodriguez 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. There was no action taken for the following bill(s): Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 976 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 797 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 Nichols moved that SB 797 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SJR 48 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; 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 SJR 48 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols brought up pending business SB 1108. 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 1108 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2027 and recognized the author, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2027 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2028 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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. 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. The chair moved SB 2028 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1716 and recognized Senator Garcia, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill. Senator Garcia sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Garcia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved SB 1716 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1575 and recognized the author, Senator Rodríguez, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodriguez 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 Lucio, Jr. moved SB 1575 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2010 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2010 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2011 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2011 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 2012 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2012 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2014 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2014 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 998 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 998 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1001 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1001 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2007 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2007 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2008 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2008 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2009 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2009 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2013 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public

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testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2013 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2036 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2036 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2037 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill. Senator Bettencourt sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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 Lucio, Jr. moved SB 2037 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Taylor moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearings held on April 13, 2015, and April 15, 2015; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2002 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2002 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 946 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved SB 946 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2039 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Creighton 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 Lucio, Jr. moved SB 2039 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2032 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, to explain the bill. Witnesses registering on the bill are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public

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testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2032 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2033 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Larry, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 2033 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1634 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 Lucio, Jr. moved SB 1634 and the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bettencourt assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1108 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill. Senator Lucio, Jr. sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Lucio, Jr. moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1108 be reported favorably to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but that the committee substitute for SB 1108 be reported back with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

There being no further business, Senator Lucio, Jr. moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair

Donna Chatham, Clerk