

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Thursday, April 9, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Larry Taylor, Chair  
Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Sylvia Garcia  
Senator Don Huffines  
Senator Lois Kolkhorst  
Senator José Rodríguez  
Senator Kel Seliger  
Senator Van Taylor  
Senator Royce West

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Paul Bettencourt

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The Senator Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 69 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, 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 Garcia moved that SB 69 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 265 and recognized the author, Senator Ellis, 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 Garcia moved that SB 265 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1211 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst 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.

Roll was taken at 9:54 AM; a quorum was present.

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

Senator Larry Taylor moved that SB 1211 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1494 and recognized the author, Senator Uresti, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodríguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Uresti to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Larry Taylor 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1494 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 955 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 955 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1434 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1434 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:51 AM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:05 PM Senator Garcia reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1497 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, 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 Garcia moved that SB 1497 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lucio, Jr. assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1711 and recognized Senator Van Taylor, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 1711 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 810 and recognized Senator Huffines, 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 Lucio, Jr. moved that SB 810 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1003 and recognized Senator Huffines, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Huffines sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Huffines 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 that SB 1003 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Larry Taylor assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1222 and recognized Senator Van Taylor, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Van Taylor sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Van Taylor to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Larry Taylor 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 Larry Taylor moved that SB 1222 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:09 PM Senator Larry Taylor moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Larry Taylor, Chair

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Nicole Sunstrum, Clerk