

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Higher Education was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Kel Seliger, Chair  
Senator Royce West, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Konni Burton  
Senator José Menéndez  
Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Kirk Watson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Senator Seliger moved adoption of the minutes from the previous hearing held on March 25, 2015; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:02 AM Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 150 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Seliger to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Seliger 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 Seliger moved that SB 150 do not pass but that CSSB 150 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

At 9:50 AM Senator Seliger resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 27 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 27 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 Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1466 and recognized the author, Senator Watson, to explain the bill.

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

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 Bettencourt moved that SB 1466 do not pass but that CSSB 1466 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 Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1656 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 1656 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 Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 239 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Watson 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 Seliger moved that SB 239 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:27 AM Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 686 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger moved adoption of the committee substitute that was sent up and explained at a previous week's hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Seliger moved that SB 686 do not pass but that CSSB 686 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of

6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on CSSB 686.

At 10:29 AM Senator Seliger resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 386 and recognized the author, Senator Taylor, Van, 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 Bettencourt moved that SB 386 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator West submitted a motion in writing to be shown voting aye on SB 386.

At 10:46 AM Senator Seliger moved that the Committee stand recessed until 15 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:18 PM Senator Seliger reconvened the meeting.

At 1:19 PM Senator Watson assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 778 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

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

At 1:21 PM Senator Seliger resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 1:21 PM Senator Seliger moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Kel Seliger, Chair

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Sarah Harrington, Clerk