

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Thursday, April 6, 2023  
9:00 AM or upon adjournment  
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 Subcommittee on Higher Education was held on Thursday, April 6, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair  
Senator Mayes Middleton, Vice Chair  
Senator Phil King  
Senator Drew Springer  
Senator Royce West

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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Senator Phil King called the meeting to order at 12:48 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 55 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

At 12:51 PM Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

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

Senator Middleton moved that SB 55 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 567 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Middleton moved that SB 567 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 804 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 Middleton moved that SB 804 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1758 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, 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 Middleton moved that SB 1758 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2137 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the author, 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 Middleton moved that SB 2137 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2139 and recognized Senator West, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer 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 Springer moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

Senator Middleton moved that SB 2139 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2123 and recognized Senator King, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator King sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator King to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator King moved the 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 Middleton moved that SB 2123 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 695 and recognized Senator King, 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 Middleton moved that SB 695 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:25 PM Senator Middleton moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:21 PM Senator Middleton reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 17 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

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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 Springer moved that SB 17 do not pass but that CSSB 17 be reported back to the Senate Committee on Education 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2137.

Senator King moved that SB 2137 be reported favorably to the Senate Committee on Education 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 Creighton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 55.

Senator Springer moved that SB 55 be reported favorably to the Senate Committee on Education 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 567.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 567 be reported favorably to the Senate Committee on Education 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 695.

Senator Springer moved that SB 695 be reported favorably to the Senate Committee on Education 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 804.

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Senator Springer moved that SB 804 be reported favorably to the Senate Committee on Education 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1758.

Senator Middleton moved that SB 1758 be reported favorably to the Senate Committee on Education 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2123.

Senator West moved that SB 2123 do not pass but that CSSB 2123 be reported back to the Senate Committee on Education 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2139.

Senator West moved that SB 2139 be reported favorably to the Senate Committee on Education 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.

There being no further business, at 12:45 AM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

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Abby Johnston, Clerk