

The House Committee on Trade, Workforce & Economic Development

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8:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on April 17, 2025, revised on April 21, 2025 and April 22, 2025, the House Committee on Trade, Workforce & Economic Development met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Button, at 8:04 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Button; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Meza; and Richardson.

A quorum was present.

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(Representative Bell, Keith now present.)

(Representative Bhojani now present.)

HB 2226

The chair laid out HB 2226.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Harless to explain HB 2226.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Harless to close on HB 2226.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 2226 was left pending without objection.

HB 4204

The chair laid out HB 4204.

The chair recognized Representative Harless to explain HB 4204.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Harless to close on HB 4204.

HB 4204 was left pending without objection.

HB 2343

The chair laid out HB 2343.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The chair recognized Representative Leo Wilson to explain HB 2343.

(Representative Ordaz now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

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(Representative Talarico now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Leo Wilson and Representative Lopez, Janie to close on HB 2343.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 2343 was left pending without objection.

HB 175

The chair laid out HB 175 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Longoria moved that HB 175, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Ordaz (8).

Nays: Representatives Luther; Richardson (2).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Meza (1).

HB 576

The chair laid out HB 576 as pending business.

Representative Luther moved that HB 576, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Ordaz; Richardson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

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Absent: Representative Meza (1).

HB 2271

The chair laid out HB 2271 as pending business.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Lujan moved that HB 2271, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Ordaz; Richardson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Meza (1).

HB 2294

The chair laid out HB 2294 as pending business.

Representative Ordaz moved that HB 2294, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Ordaz; Richardson (10).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: Representative Meza (1).

(Representative Meza now present.)

HB 3458

The chair laid out HB 3458 as pending business.

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The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Luther moved that HB 3458, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Meza; Ordaz (10).

Nays: Representative Richardson (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 4984

The chair laid out HB 4984 as pending business.

Representative Bell, Keith moved that HB 4984, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Meza; Ordaz (10).

Nays: Representative Richardson (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HCR 76

The chair recalled HCR 76 from subcommittee on International Relations.

The chair laid out HCR 76.

The chair recognized Representative Lujan to explain HCR 76.

Representative Bhojani moved that HCR 76, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

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Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Meza; Ordaz; Richardson (11).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HCR 127

The chair recalled HCR 127 from subcommittee on International Relations.

The chair laid out HCR 127.

The chair recognized Representative Lujan to explain HCR 127.

Representative Bell, Keith moved that HCR 127, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Meza; Ordaz; Richardson (10).

Nays: Representative Luther (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

SB 72

The chair laid out SB 72, the companion to HB 1395.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Longoria moved that SB 72, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Meza; Ordaz; Richardson (11).

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Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

SB 372

The chair laid out SB 372, the companion to HB 576.

Representative Richardson moved that SB 372, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Meza; Ordaz; Richardson (11).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

SB 929

The chair laid out SB 929, the companion to HB 4984.

Representative Harris Davila moved that SB 929, without amendments, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Meza; Ordaz; Richardson (11).

Nays: None (0).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

SB 2420

The chair laid out SB 2420, the companion to HB 4901.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

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The committee substitute was adopted without objection.

Representative Luther moved that SB 2420, as substituted, be reported favorably to the full house with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion prevailed by the following record vote:

Ayes: Representatives Button; Talarico; Bell, Keith; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; Luther; Ordaz; Richardson (10).

Nays: Representative Meza (1).

Present, Not Voting: None (0).

Absent: None (0).

HB 4996

The chair laid out HB 4996.

The chair recognized Representative Dyson to explain HB 4996.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Dyson to close on HB 4996.

HB 4996 was left pending without objection.

HB 2760

The chair laid out HB 2760.

The chair recognized Representative Villalobos to explain HB 2760.

(Representative Talarico in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Villalobos to close on HB 2760.

HB 2760 was left pending without objection.

HB 4850

The chair laid out HB 4850.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

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The chair recognized Representative Button to explain HB 4850.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Button to close on HB 4850.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 4850 was left pending without objection.

(Representative Button in chair.)

At 9:41 a.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was recessed until upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted.

The committee reconvened at 5:14 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Button.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Button; Bhojani; Harris Davila; Longoria; Lujan; and Meza.

A quorum was present.

HB 4518

The chair laid out HB 4518.

The chair recognized Representative Cook to explain HB 4518.

(Representative Ordaz now present.)

(Representative Luther now present.)

(Representative Richardson now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Cook to close on HB 4518.

HB 4518 was left pending without objection.

HB 5122

The chair laid out HB 5122.

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The chair recognized Representative Harris Davila to explain HB 5122.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Longoria in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Button in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Harris Davila to close on HB 5122.

HB 5122 was left pending without objection.

HB 4903

The chair laid out HB 4903.

The chair recognized Representative Harris Davila to explain HB 4903.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Harris Davila to close on HB 4903.

HB 4903 was left pending without objection.

HB 4531

The chair laid out HB 4531.

The chair recognized Representative Bhojani to explain HB 4531.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Bhojani to close on HB 4531.

HB 4531 was left pending without objection.

HB 3621

The chair laid out HB 3621.

The chair offered a complete committee substitute.

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The chair recognized Representative Bumgarner to explain HB 3621.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Longoria in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Button in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Bumgarner to close on HB 3621.

The committee substitute was withdrawn without objection.

HB 3621 was left pending without objection.

HB 4079

The chair laid out HB 4079.

The chair recognized Representative Leach to explain HB 4079.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Talarico in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The chair recognized Representative Leach to close on HB 4079.

HB 4079 was left pending without objection.

At 6:39 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Button, Chair

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Victoria Smith, Clerk