

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Monday, May 12, 2025
11:00 AM or upon adjournment
Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Administration was held on Monday, May 12, 2025, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bob Hall, Chair
Senator Adam Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Molly Cook
Senator Sarah Eckhardt
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Mayes Middleton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 6:10 PM Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2703 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Hall moved that HB 2703 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.

The chair laid out HCR 7 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Hall moved that HCR 7 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 Hall moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:15 PM Senator Hall resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1615 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering on the bill shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1615 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and not printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HCR 86 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Hall moved that HCR 86 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1620 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering on the bill shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Hall moved that HB 1620 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 644 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Hall moved that SB 644 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1610 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, to explain the bill.

Witnesses registering on the bill shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Hall moved that HB 1610 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HCR 75 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Hall moved that HCR 75 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HCR 93 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Hall moved that HCR 93 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HCR 126 and recognized Senator Eckhardt, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Hall moved that HCR 126 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HCR 92 and recognized Senator Adam Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Cook moved that HCR 92 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HCR 86 and recognized Senator Menéndez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor.

Senator Menéndez moved that HCR 86 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 Menéndez moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1620 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1620 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and not printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 644 and recognized Senator Cook, in the absence of the author.

Senator Cook moved that SB 644 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1610 and recognized Senator Adam Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HB 1610 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and not printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

Senator Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HCR 75 and recognized Senator Adam Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HCR 75 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HCR 93 and recognized Senator Adam Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor.

Senator Hinojosa moved that HCR 93 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HCR 126 and recognized Senator Adam Hinojosa, in the absence of the Senate sponsor.

Senator Hall moved that HCR 126 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HCR 92 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Adam Hinojosa.

Senator Hall moved that HCR 92 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 Hinojosa moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hinojosa moved that the list of bills recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar to be held on May 14, 2025, with the addition of HB 2809 in lieu of SB 640 be certified and the exception of SB 2137 and SB 3059. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

There being no further business, at 6:48 PM Senator Hall moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bob Hall, Chair

Thomas McGregor, Clerk