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SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Friday, May 23, 2025

6:30 PM or upon adjournment/recess

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Economic Development was held on Friday, May 23, 2025, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Phil King, Chair
Senator Kevin Sparks, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Nathan Johnson
Senator Charles Schwertner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. A quorum was established at 7:36 PM. The following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Alvarado, Senator Johnson and Senator Schwertner.

The chair laid out HB 3793 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

There being no further witnesses on HB 3793, public testimony was closed.

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Senator King moved that HB 3793 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 117 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

There being no further witnesses on HB 117, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that HB 117 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2313 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

There being no further witnesses on HB 2313, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that HB 2313 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 112 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

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

There being no further witnesses on HB 112, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that HB 112 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3686 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

There being no further witnesses on HB 3686, public testimony was closed.

Senator King moved that HB 3686 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 112.

Senator Sparks moved that HB 112 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 4 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 117.

Senator Sparks moved that HB 117 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 3 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2313.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. Senator Sparks moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Sparks moved that HB 2313 do not pass but that CSHB 2313 be reported back to the Senate 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 HB 3686.

Senator Sparks moved that HB 3686 be reported favorably to the Senate 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 Sparks 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 3793.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. Senator Sparks moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Sparks moved that HB 3793 do not pass but that CSHB 3793 be reported back to the Senate 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 Sparks 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 5616, in lieu of SB 2993, which was heard at a previous hearing and left pending. The Chair recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Johnson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Sparks moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Sparks moved that HB 5616 do not pass but that CSHB 5616 be reported back to the Senate 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 Sparks moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:52 PM Senator King moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Phil King, Chair

Jack Herrell, Clerk