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SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Monday, May 26, 2025

9:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Local Government was held on Monday, May 26, 2025, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair
Senator Mayes Middleton, Vice Chair
Senator Molly Cook
Senator Roland Gutierrez
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 2731 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Hinojosa, J, to explain the bill.

Senator Gutierrez sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa, J to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 HB 2731 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out HB 3483 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator West sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 HB 3483 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4308 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Senator West sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 HB 4308 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5663 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 HB 5663 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4582 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 HB 4582 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5509 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Middleton sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Paxton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 HB 5509 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1532 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Creighton, 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 Nichols moved that HB 1532 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 HB 23 as a matter of pending business.

Senator Middleton 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 Bettencourt moved that HB 23 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:58 AM Senator Middleton assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 4580 and recognized the Senate Sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Paxton sent up a committee substitute.

The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Paxton moved that HB 4580 do not pass but that CSHB 4580 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.

At 10:03 AM Senator Bettencourt resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2731.

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

Senator Gutierrez moved that HB 2731 do not pass but that CSHB 2731 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3483.

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

Senator Paxton moved that HB 3483 do not pass but that CSHB 3483 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, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 5509.

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

Senator West moved that HB 5509 do not pass but that CSHB 5509 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 5663.

Senator Middleton moved that HB 5663 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.

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

At 8:14 PM Senator Bettencourt reconvened the meeting.

There being no further business, at 8:15 PM Senator Bettencourt moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Paul Bettencourt, Chair

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