

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Monday, May 19, 2025

9:00 AM

Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on State Affairs was held on Monday, May 19, 2025, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair
Senator Angela Paxton, Vice Chair
Senator Brian Birdwell
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator Mayes Middleton
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Tan Parker

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Birdwell, Senator Hall Senator Hinojosa, Senator Middleton, Senator Paxton, Senator Perry, and Senator Schwertner.

Upon the arrival of Senator Paxton a quorum was present. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted.

The chair laid out HB 272 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, 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 Hughes moved that HB 272 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1661 and recognized Senator Hall, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Hughes moved that HB 1661 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 551 and recognized Senator Hall, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Hughes moved that HB 551 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2820 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Adam Hinojosa, 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 Hughes moved that HB 2820 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3181 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 Hughes moved that HB 3181 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4157 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Adam Hinojosa, 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 Hughes moved that HB 4157 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:05 AM Senator Schwertner assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 4145 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 Schwertner moved that HB 4145 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:09 AM Senator Hughes resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 46 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 Hughes moved that HB 46 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:28 AM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bryan Hughes, Chair

Victoria Ross, Clerk