

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

8:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Robert Nichols, Chair  
Senator Royce West, Vice Chair  
Senator Paul Bettencourt  
Senator Brent Hagenbuch  
Senator Juan Hinojosa  
Senator Nathan Johnson  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Charles Perry

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Phil King

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 1598 and recognized the author, Senator Hagenbuch, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1598 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1493 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1493 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1895 and recognized the author, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1895 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1919 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Nichols moved that SB 1919 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2243 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 Nichols moved that SB 2243 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2226 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, 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 West moved that SB 2226 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2039 and recognized Senator Hinojosa, in the absence of the author, 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 Nichols moved that SB 2039 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2425 and recognized the author, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill. Senator Nichols sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nichols 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 Nichols moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2425 do not pass but that CSSB 2425 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2226, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Nichols moved that SB 2226 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1365, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Nichols moved that SB 1365 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Nichols resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1493, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 1493 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1598, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator Hagenbuch moved that SB 1598 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hagenbuch moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1895, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 1895 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1919, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 1919 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2039, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 2039 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2243, which had been left pending earlier in the hearing. Senator West moved that SB 2243 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 249, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator West moved adoption of a committee substitute sent at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that SB 249 do not pass but that CSSB 249 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator West moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1394, which had been left pending at a previous hearing. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 1394 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hinojosa and Senator Perry requested unanimous consent to be shown voting aye; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt 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 9:16 AM Senator Nichols moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Robert Nichols, Chair

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Amy Jeter, Clerk