

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Thursday, March 30, 2023

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.028

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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 Subcommittee on Higher Education was held on Thursday, March 30, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.028, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair  
Senator Mayes Middleton, Vice Chair  
Senator Phil King  
Senator Drew Springer  
Senator Royce West

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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Senator Middleton called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM. The following business was transacted:

The chair laid out SB 646 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 Middleton moved that SB 646 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 200 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Middleton moved that SB 200 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2294 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair recognized Senator Springer 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 Middleton moved that SB 2294 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 336 and recognized Senator Springer, 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 Middleton moved that SB 336 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 526 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Springer 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 Middleton moved that SB 526 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 532 and recognized Senator Springer, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Springer sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Springer 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 Middleton moved that SB 532 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:50 AM the chair moved that the committee stand at ease.

At 9:57 AM Senator Middleton reconvened the meeting. The role was called, and a quorum was established at that time.

The chair laid out SB 18 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

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

At 10:41 AM Senator Middleton moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:28 PM Senator Creighton reconvened the meeting.

Senator King assumed the chair.

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

Senator King moved that SB 18 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Creighton resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SJR 81 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Creighton moved that SJR 81 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 3:21 PM Senator Creighton moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon Creighton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

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Senator Brandon Creighton, Chair

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Abby Johnston, Clerk