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SENATE COMMITTEE ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & FLOODING, SELECT

Friday, August 8, 2025

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Disaster Preparedness & Flooding, Select was held on Friday, August 8, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Charles Perry, Chair
Senator Pete Flores, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator César Blanco
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Adam Hinojosa
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator José Menéndez
Senator Charles Schwertner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called: Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Senator José Menéndez, and Senator Charles Schwertner.

The chair laid out SB 43 and recognized Senator Blanco, 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. The chair moved that SB 43 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair laid out SB 2 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill. Senator Blanco sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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At 9:55 AM Senator Flores assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 13 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator Bettencourt 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. The chair moved that SB 13 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill. Senator Blanco 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. The chair moved that SB 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1. Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1 do not pass but that CSSB 1 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 13. Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 13 do not pass but that CSSB 13 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not

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voting, and 0 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 13.

At 12:34 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2. Senator Bettencourt moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 2 do not pass but that CSSB 2 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 2.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 43. Senator Flores moved that SB 43 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 43.

Senator Charles Perry, Chair

Jayna Grove, Clerk