

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, August 15, 2025

12:00 PM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Friday, August 15, 2025, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Carol Alvarado
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Pete Flores
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Royce West
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Brandon Creighton

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:24 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

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

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Zaffirini moved that SB 18 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out SB 16 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 West moved that SB 16 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out SB 14 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Perry moved that SB 14 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out SB 10 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 10 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

The chair laid out SB 9 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 9 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 12 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out SB 3 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Bettencourt moved that SB 3 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out SB 2 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Perry moved that SB 2 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 5 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, 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 Huffman moved that SB 5 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 14 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out SB 34 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 34 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

Senator Alvarado and Senator Hall submitted motions in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 2 and SB 18.

Senator Kolkhorst submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 34.

Senator Perry submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 3, SB 5, SB 9 and SB 34.

Senator Schwertner submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 2, SB 3, SB 5, SB 9, SB 10, SB 14, SB 16, SB 18 and SB 34.

Senator West submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 3 and SB 18. Senator West asked to be shown voting nay on SB 9.

Senator Zaffirini submitted a motion in writing asking to be shown voting aye on SB 2, SB 3, SB 5, SB 9, SB 14 and SB 16.

There being no further business, at 1:42 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk