ARIZONA STATE SENATE

55th LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE: January 20, 2021 **TIME:** 2:00 P.M. **ROOM:** SHR 1

CHAIRMAN: Senator J.D. Mesnard **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Michelle Ugenti-Rita

ANALYST: Laura Benitez

ATTENDANCE **BILLS**

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex	Bill Number	Disposition
Senator Borrelli*	X			SB 1137	DP
Senator Bowie	X			SB 1149	DP
Senator Gabaldón*	X			SB 1151	DP
Senator Livingston	X			SB 1180	DP
Senator Navarrete	X				
Senator Pace*	X				
Senator Peshlakai*	X				
Senator Ugenti-Rita, Vice-Chairman	X				
Senator Mesnard, Chairman	X				

PRESENTATION

State of Arizona's Tourism Industry
Kimberly Sabow, President & CEO, Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association
Jaime Molera

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https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2021011092

*Participated remotely via a teleconference platform.

Chairman Mesnard called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Mesnard stated that without objection, the minutes are approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1180 – civil rights; amendments. – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1180.

Edith Lefevre, Legislative Liaison, Attorney General's Office, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1180 and introduced Rebekah Browder.

Rebekah Browder, Section Chief Counsel of the Arizona Civil Rights Division, Arizona Attorney General's Office, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, provided comments regarding SB 1180 and testified in support of SB 1180.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1180 (Attachment A).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1180 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 1 and 1a).

SB 1137 – electric cooperatives; broadband service; fees. – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1137.

SB 1149 – occupational and professional licensure; notice. – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1149.

Senator Mesnard paused the consideration of bills for a moment and started the presentation.

PRESENTATION

State of Arizona's Tourism Industry

Jaime Molera, Lobbyist, Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association, offered comments and introduced Kimberly Sabow.

Kimberly Sabow, President & CEO, Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Lodging & Tourism Association: Advocacy – Collaboration – Education" (Attachment B). Ms. Sabow further explained the industry's economic impact from COVID-19 and highlighted some of the tools that they are trying to implement to help the industry's recovery. Ms. Sabow answered questions posed by the Committee and offered comments.

The Committee discussed and offered comments for the presentation mentioned above.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (continued)

SB 1151 – contracts; licensure requirements; exemption; exclusion. – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1151.

Senator Shope, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding SB 1151.

Fred Lockhart, Executive Director, Arizona Private School Association, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1151, provided comments regarding SB 1151 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Trish Hart, on behalf of the Arizona Private School Association, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1151 and provided comments regarding SB 1151.

Kevin LaMountain, Executive Director, Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified as neutral to SB 1151.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on SB 1151.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1151 (Attachment A).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1151 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 2 and 2a).

Senator Peshlakai explained her vote.

SB 1149 – occupational and professional licensure; notice. – DO PASS (continued)

Senator Petersen, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding SB 1149.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1149 (Attachment A).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1149 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 3 and 3a).

SB 1137 – electric cooperatives; broadband service; fees. – DO PASS (continued)

Senator Borrelli, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding SB 1137.

Susan Bitter Smith, representing herself, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1137 and provided comments regarding SB 1137.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1137 (Attachment A).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1137 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 4 and 4a).

Senator Gabaldón explained her vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Imee L. Andrew
Committee Secretary

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