ARIZONA STATE SENATE

55th LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE: February 3, 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 1154	HELD
Senator Bowie	X			SB 1258	DPA
Senator Gabaldón*	X			SB 1293	DP
Senator Livingston	X			SB 1297	DP
Senator Navarrete	X			SB 1378	DP
Senator Pace*	X			SB 1379	DPA
Senator Peshlakai*	X			SB 1451	DP
Senator Ugenti-Rita, Vice-Chairman	X				
Senator Mesnard, Chairman	X				

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*Participated remotely via a teleconference platform.

Chairman Mesnard called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1154 – technical corrections; valuation; personal property – HELD

Senator Mesnard stated that SB 1154 would be HELD at the request of the sponsor.

SB 1451 – workers' compensation; rates; firefighters; cancer. – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1451.

Senator Boyer, bill sponsor, requested a moment of silence in honor of Captain David Rehnke, Peoria Fire Department, who passed away.

Senator Mesnard asked the Committee to take a moment of silence in honor of the life that was lost.

Senator Boyer provided comments regarding SB 1451 and distributed a testimony of Aisha Rivera Margarin, MD, MS, Faculty Associate, John Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, on behalf of the Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona dated February 2, 2021 (Attachment A).

Bryan Jeffries, President, Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona, also an active Fire Captain and Paramedic and a Cancer Survivor, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1451 and provided comments regarding SB 1451.

Mike Colletto, representing the Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1451.

Nick Ponder, Legislative Director, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1451.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on SB 1451.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1451 (Attachment B).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1451 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 1 and 1a).

Senators Bowie and Livingston explained their vote.

SB 1378 – office of Sonora; continuation – DO PASS

Maelinn Chow, Commerce Committee Intern, explained SB 1378.

Juan Ciscomani, Director, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1378 and provided comments regarding SB 1378.

The Committee discussed SB 1378.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1378 (Attachment B).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1378 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 2 and 2a).

Senator Gabaldón explained her vote.

SB 1258 – state of emergency; tolling; permits – DO PASS AMENDED

Maelinn Chow, Commerce Committee Intern, explained SB 1258 and the 9-line Mesnard amendment dated 02/02/2021 at 01:20 p.m. (Attachment C).

Senator Mesnard, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding SB 1258.

Spencer Kamps, representing the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1258, further explained SB 1258 and provided comments regarding the Mesnard amendment.

Tom Savage, on behalf of League of Arizona Cities and Towns, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified as neutral to SB 1258 and stated his concerns with the bill.

Senator Mesnard answered questions posed by the Committee and provided additional comments regarding SB 1258.

Mr. Savage answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Mesnard answered additional questions posed by the Committee and provided additional comments regarding SB 1258.

Mr. Kamps answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on SB 1258.

Senator Mesnard provided closing comments regarding SB 1258.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1258 (Attachment B).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1258 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved the 9-line Mesnard amendment dated 02/02/2021 at 01:20 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1258 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 3 and 3a).

Senators Navarrete and Gabaldón explained their vote.

SB 1297 – insurance; optometrists; contracts; covered services. – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1297.

Marie Isaacson, on behalf of the Arizona Optometric Association, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, further explained SB 1297 and testified in support of SB 1297.

The Committee discussed SB 1297.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1297 (Attachment B).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1297 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 4 and 4a).

SB 1379 – vacation rentals; short-term rentals; enforcement – DO PASS AMENDED

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1379 and the 17-line Mesnard amendment dated 02/02/2021 at 04:04 p.m. (Attachment D).

Senator Mesnard, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding SB 1379 and noted for the record, approved the testimonies that were electronically submitted from Hilary Lyman, Leigh Harris, Brandie Freese, Gretchen Bonaduce and Vivian Lamphear (Attachment E), to be placed in the minutes.

Jonathan Paton, representing Airbnb, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1379, provided comments regarding SB 1379 and introduced Mr. John Choi.

John Choi, Senior Policy Manager, Airbnb, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, provided a brief background of Airbnb and testified in support of SB 1379. Mr. Choi answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Paton answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Choi answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Nick Ponder, Legislative Director, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1379 and stated his concerns with the bill.

Mayor Jerry Bien Willner, Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1379 and stated his concerns with the bill.

Linda Curry, short-term rental host, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1379.

Chris McMurry, short-term rental host, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1379.

Kiarash Kavosi, short-term rental host, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1379.

Bryan Hastings, short-term rental host, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified as neutral to SB 1379 and stated his concerns with the bill.

Sandra Scanlan, 40-year Mesa resident, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1379 and stated her concerns with the bill.

William Hunter, Paradise Valley resident, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1379 and stated his concerns with the bill.

David Mason, resident, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified as neutral to SB 1379 and stated his concerns with the bill.

Senator Mesnard provided additional comments regarding SB 1379.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on SB 1379.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1379 (Attachment B).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1379 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved the 17-line Mesnard amendment dated 02/02/2021 at 04:04 p.m. (Attachment D) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1379 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 5 and 5a).

Senators Bowie, Navarrete, Pace and Gabaldón explained their vote.

SB 1293 – refrigerated product display; retailers – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1293.

Senator Shope, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding SB 1293.

Cheyenne Walsh, on behalf of Sazerac Company, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of SB 1293 and provided comments regarding SB 1293.

Steve Barclay, on behalf of Beer and Wine Distributors of Arizona, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, introduced Camila Alarcon and Rob Fullmer. Mr. Barclay testified in opposition to SB 1293 and stated his concerns with the bill.

Camila Alarcon, Arizona Craft Brewers Guild, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1293 and stated her concerns with the bill.

Rob Fullmer, Arizona Craft Brewers Guild, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to SB 1293 and stated his concerns with the bill.

Ms. Walsh answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee discussed SB 1293.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on SB 1293 (Attachment B).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that SB 1293 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-4-0 (Attachment 6 and 6a).

Senators Bowie, Pace and Mesnard explained their vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Secretary

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