ARIZONA STATE SENATE

55th LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE: March 17, 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			HB 2282	DPA
Senator Bowie	X			HB 2397	DPA
Senator Gabaldón*	X			HB 2483	DP
Senator Livingston	X				
Senator Navarrete	X				
Senator Pace	X				
Senator Peshlakai*	X				
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 3:29 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Mesnard stated that without objection, the minutes of March 10, 2021 are approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2483 – animal ownership; possession; prohibition – DO PASS

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2483.

Representative Kavanagh, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding HB 2483 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Debra Nolen, representing herself, also wrote and initiated the bill, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2483, further explained and provided comments regarding HB 2483.

Marilyn Rodriguez, Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to HB 2483 and stated her concerns with the bill.

Representative Kavanagh answered additional questions posed by the Committee and provided additional comments regarding HB 2483.

Brittany Bingold, Pivotal Policy Consulting, representing the Arizona United Animal Care and Business Coalition, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified as neutral to HB 2483 and stated her concerns with the bill.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on HB 2483.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on HB 2483 (Attachment A).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that HB 2483 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-1-1 (Attachment 1 and 1a).

Senator Livingston explained his vote.

HB 2282 – small business assistance grants – DO PASS AMENDED

Maelinn Chow, Commerce Committee Intern, explained HB 2282 and the 2-page Mesnard amendment dated 03/16/2021 at 12:56 p.m. (Attachment B).

Representative Lieberman, bill sponsor, provided comments regarding HB 2282 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Carmen Terrell, representing herself, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2282.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on HB 2282.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on HB 2282 (Attachment A).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that HB 2282 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved the 2-page Mesnard amendment dated 03/16/2021 at 12:56 p.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED to HB 2282. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that HB 2282 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 2 and 2a).

HB 2397 – unemployment insurance; fraud prevention – DO PASS AMENDED

Laura Benitez, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2397 and the 5-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/16/2021 at 01:14 p.m. (Attachment C).

Dianne McCallister, on behalf of Opportunity Solutions Project, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in support of HB 2397, provided comments regarding HB 2397 and the Mesnard amendment.

Ellen Katz, on behalf of William E. Morris Institute for Justice, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified in opposition to HB 2397 and stated her concerns with the bill.

Kathy Ber, Arizona Department of Economic Security, participated remotely via a teleconference platform, testified as neutral to HB 2397.

The Committee discussed and offered comments on HB 2397.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on HB 2397 (Attachment A).

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that HB 2397 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved the 5-line Mesnard amendment dated 03/16/2021 at 01:14 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED to HB 2397. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that HB 2397 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-2-0 (Attachment 3 and 3a).

Senators Navarrete and Livingston explained their vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee Secretary

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