ARIZONA STATE SENATE

55TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE: February 16, 2022 **TIME:** 2:00 P.M. **ROOM:** SHR 1

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

ANALYST: Jason Theodorou

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members	Pr	Ab	Ex
Senator Borrelli	X		
Senator Bowie	X		
Senator Gabaldon	X		
Senator Hatathlie	X		
Senator Livingston	X		
Senator Pace	X		
Senator Terán	X		
Senator Ugenti-Rita, Vice-Chairman	X		
Senator Mesnard, Chairman	X		

BILLS

Bill Number	Disposition
SB 1053	DP
SB 1241	HELD
SB 1278	DPA/SE
SB 1342	DP
SB 1403	DPA/SE
SB 1442	HELD
SB 1515	DPA

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https://www.azleg.gov/videoplayer/?clientID=6361162879&eventID=2022021087

Chairman Mesnard called the meeting to order at 4:26 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Mesnard stated that without objection, the minutes of February 9, 2022 were approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB 1241 – gift clause; violation; statute; limitation – HELD

Senator Mesnard stated that SB 1241 would be HELD.

SB 1442 horse racing; geofencing; wagering; licensing – HELD

Senator Mesnard stated that SB 1442 would be HELD.

SB 1515 – municipal firefighters; cancer fund; distributions – DO PASS AMENDED

Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1515 and the 6-line Mesnard amendment to SB 1515 dated 02/10/2022 at 10:27 a.m. (Attachment A).

Nick Ponder, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, testified in support of the amendment and answered questions posed by Senator Livingston.

Senator Boyer, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1515.

Senator Bowie moved SB 1515 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bowie moved the 6-line Mesnard amendment dated 02/10/2022 at 10:27 a.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bowie moved SB 1515 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 1).

SB 1278 – wage rates; technical correction – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING
***(See reconsideration of SB 1278 on page 4)**

Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained the 5-page Mesnard strike everything amendment to SB 1278 dated 02/11/2022 at 09:09 a.m. (Attachment B).

Jack Biltis, representing himself, testified in support of the strike everything amendment to SB 1278.

Senator Bowie moved SB 1278 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Bowie moved the 5-page Mesnard strike everything amendment to SB 1278 dated 02/11/2022 at 09:09 a.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Bowie moved SB 1278 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 9-0-0 (Attachment 2).

SB 1053 – religious exemption; vaccine; violation; classification – DO PASS

Caila Young, Commerce Committee Intern, explained SB 1053.

Senator Townsend, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1053.

Mike Huckins, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, testified in opposition to SB 1053 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Townsend offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Mesnard further explained SB 1053.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1053 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-1 (Attachment 3).

Senators Borrelli, Hatathlie, Livingston and Pace explained their vote.

SB 1342 – communist party; property ownership; prohibition – DO PASS

Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained SB 1342.

Senator Rogers, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1342 and answered a question posed by Senator Mesnard.

P. M. Azinga, representing herself, testified in support of SB 1342.

The Committee discussed SB 1342 and the Chinese Communist Party.

Senator Rogers answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Azinga answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1342 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-1 (Attachment 4).

Senators Borrelli, Gonzales, Hatathlie, Pace, Ugenti-Rita and Mesnard explained their vote.

SB 1403 – industrial commission; workers' compensation; claim – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Caila Young, Commerce Committee Intern, explained the 6-page Livingston strike everything amendment to SB 1403 dated 02/11/2022 at 03:25 p.m. (Attachment C).

Senator Gowan, bill sponsor, further explained SB 1403.

Senator Livingston thanked Senator Gowan for his bill and explained his strike everything amendment.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1403 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved the 6-page Livingston strike everything amendment to SB 1403 dated 02/11/2022 at 03:25 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1403 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 5).

SB 1278 – wage rates; technical correction – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Senator Terán requested a motion to reconsider SB 1278.

Senator Mesnard clarified Senator Teran's motion that the Committee RECONSIDER the action whereby it passed SB 1278. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1278 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved the 5-page Mesnard strike everything amendment dated 02/11/2022 at 09:09 a.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved SB 1278 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-1 (Attachment 6).

Senator Gabaldon explained her vote.

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker Slip on the legislation (Attachment D).

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their positions on the legislation (Attachment E).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

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