ARIZONA STATE SENATE

55TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

DATE: March 23, 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
HB 2014	DPA/SE
HB 2024	DP
HB 2657	DPA
HB 2674	DP
HB 2747	DP
HCR 2031	DP

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Name	Position	Recommendation
Joseph Pennington	Member, Arizona State Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission	CONFIRMATION
Scott Fletcher	Member, Arizona State Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission	CONFIRMATION
Lemuel David Cannon	Member, State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers	CONFIRMATION
Paul David	Member, State Liquor Board	CONFIRMATION
Tracy Olson	Member, Arizona Racing Commission	CONFIRMATION
Louis Dettorre	Commissioner, Arizona Department of Real Estate	CONFIRMATION
Robert Kennedy	Member, Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority	CONFIRMATION

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Chairman Mesnard called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Mesnard stated that without objection, the minutes of March 16, 2022 were approved.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2014 - safety features; autonomous vehicles; prohibitions (now: autonomous vehicles; safety features; prohibitions) – DO PASS AMENDED/STRIKE EVERYTHING

Caila Young, Commerce Committee Intern, explained the 6-page Mesnard strike everything amendment to HB 2014 dated 03/17/2022 at 03:34 p.m. (Attachment A).

Representative Kavanagh, bill sponsor, further explained the strike everything amendment and answered a question posed by the Committee.

Peter Wolf, Best Friends Animal Society, testified in support of the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Steve Hansen, President, Arizona Humane Society, testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Ms. Young answered a question posed by the Committee.

Dr. Hansen answered a question posed by the Committee.

Dr. Jennifer Conrad, Director, The Paw Project Team, testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Susie Stevens, Arizona Veterinary Medical Association, testified in opposition to the strike everything amendment.

Wayne Anderson, representing himself, testified in opposition to the strike everything amendment and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Michael Ames, representing himself, testified in opposition to the strike everything amendment and referenced an email dated March 22, 2022 which was electronically distributed to the Committee (Attachment B).

Dr. Conrad returned to the podium and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Hansen made additional comments.

Ms. Stevens answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Shah testified in support of the strike everything amendment.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved HB 2014 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved the 6-page Mesnard strike everything amendment to HB 2014 dated 03/17/2022 at 03:34 p.m. (Attachment A) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved HB 2014 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 1).

Senators Hatathlie and Terán explained their votes.

HB 2747 - wholesale real estate buyers; disclosure – DO PASS

Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2747.

Representative Espinoza, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2747.

Tom Farley, Arizona Association of Realtors, testified in support of HB 2747 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Chris Palomino, representing himself, testified in support of HB 2747 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Espinoza offered closing comments.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved HB 2747 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 2).

HB 2024 - alkaline hydrolysis; facilities; operators; licensure – DO PASS

Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2024 and answered a question posed by the Committee.

Representative Udall, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2024 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved HB 2024 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-2 (Attachment 3).

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Caila Young, Commerce Committee Intern, gave an overview of the Arizona State Boxing and Martial Arts Commission, State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, State Liquor Board, Arizona Racing Commission, Arizona Department of Real Estate and the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority.

Scott Fletcher - Member, Arizona State Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Scott Fletcher reviewed his resume.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that the Senate Commerce Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Scott Fletcher to the Arizona State Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 4).

Joseph Pennington - Member, Arizona State Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that the Senate Commerce Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Joseph Pennington to the Arizona State Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 5).

Lemuel David Cannon - Member, State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Lemuel Cannon reviewed his resume and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that the Senate Commerce Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Lemuel Cannon to the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-2 (Attachment 6).

Paul David - Member, State Liquor Board – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Paul David reviewed his resume and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that the Senate Commerce Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Paul David to the State Liquor Board. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 7).

Tracy Olson - Member, Arizona Racing Commission – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Tracy Olson reviewed her resume.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that the Senate Commerce Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Tracy Olson to the Arizona Racing Commission. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 8).

Louis Dettorre - Commissioner, Arizona Department of Real Estate – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Louis Dettorre reviewed his resume.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that the Senate Commerce Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Louis Dettorre as Commissioner to the Arizona Department of Real Estate. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 9).

Robert Kennedy - Member, Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved that the Senate Commerce Committee recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Robert Kennedy to the Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 10).

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS (continued)

HB 2674 - municipal zoning; by right housing (now: housing supply study committee) – DO PASS

Caila Young, Commerce Committee Intern, explained HB 2674.

Spencer Kamps, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, testified in support of HB 2674.

Jake Hinman, Arizona Multihousing Association, testified in support of HB 2674.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved HB 2674 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-1 (Attachment 11).

Senator Mesnard explained his vote.

HB 2657 - forced labor; manufactured goods – DO PASS AMENDED

Jason Theodorou, Commerce Committee Analyst, explained HB 2657 and the 20-line Mesnard amendment to HB 2657 dated 03/22/2022 at 02:51 p.m. (Attachment C).

Representative Hoffman, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2657.

Michelle Ahlmer, Arizona Retailers Association, testified as neutral on HB 2657 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved HB 2657 receive a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved the 20-line Mesnard amendment to HB 2657 dated 03/22/2022 at 02:51 p.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved HB 2657 AS AMENDED, receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-1 (Attachment 12).

HCR 2031 - employee benefits; compensation; state preemption – DO PASS

Caila Young, Commerce Committee Intern, explained HCR 2031.

Dan Bogert, Arizona Restaurant Association, testified in support of HCR 2031 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Tom Savage, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, testified in opposition to HCR 2031 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Eleazar Martinez, representing himself, testified in opposition to HCR 2031 and answered a question posed by the Committee.

Alicia Contreras, representing herself, testified in opposition to HCR 2031.

Lena Avalos, representing herself, testified on behalf of her mother Sylvia Avalos who is in opposition to HCR 2031.

Stephanie Maldonado, representing herself, testified in opposition to HCR 2031.

Todd Madeksza, City of Flagstaff, testified in opposition to HCR 2031 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Hugo Polanco, Arizona Center for Empowerment, testified in opposition to HCR 2031.

Alex Garcia, Arizona Center for Empowerment, testified in opposition to HCR 2031.

Mr. Bogert answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Ugenti-Rita moved HCR 2031 receive a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-1 (Attachment 13).

Senators Gabaldon, Hatathlie, Pace, Ugenti-Rita, Livingston, Terán and Mesnard explained their votes.

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 agenda items (Attachment E).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Gardner
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at http://www.azleg.gov)