

Public Safety and Security Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 4, 2021

1:00 PM in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 1:08PM by Chairman, Rep. Horn M. 064.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Bradley D. S23; Cassano S. S04; Champagne D. S35; Cicarella P. S34; Osten C. S19

Representatives: Allie-Brennan R. 002; Barry J. 031; Borer D. 115; Boyd P. 050; DiGiovancarlo M. 074; DiMassa M. 116; Felipe A. 130; Genga H. 010; Gonzalez M. 003; Green R. 055; Hall C. 059; Hayes R. 051; Horn M. 064; Howard G. 043; McGorty B. 122; Paolillo A. 097; Quinn M. 082; Sredzinski J. 112; Vail K. 052

Absent were:

Senators: Fonfara J. S01

Representatives:

Rep. Horn opened meeting at 1:08PM and recessed meeting due to technical issues. Meeting reconvened at 1:11PM.

Rep. Horn welcomed everyone in attendance. She clarified that Item III on agenda is listed as Bills for Review and it should say Bills reserved for subject matter hearing.

Section III

BILLS RESERVED FOR SUBJECT MATTER HEARING

Rep. Horn asked for a made to be made to have the following proposed items to be reserved for public matter hearing: SB570, HB5078, HB5145, HB5164, HB5201, HB5414, HB5586, HB5722, HB5723, HB6038, HB6047, HB6050, HB6303, HB6304, motion made by Sen. Osten and seconded by Rep. Genga. No discussion. Voice vote all in favor, no opposed, motion carries.

#2, Proposed SB572: motion made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Genga to have SB572 reserved for public hearing matter: Discussion followed. Rep. Vail asked for summary of the bill and will this be a mandate on municipalities. Rep. Paolillo explained the bill. Rep. Horn reminded everyone this is for public hearing only and does not mean you support the bill, just that the committee would hear more information. Many overlapping bills. Rep. Hall felt this was addressed in police accountability bill. Where does this diverge from? Need a little more direction where this bill is going.

Sen. Champagne wanted to know if this would be a mandate. Rep. Horn stated there is not enough information, but more detail at a public hearing can change things. Roll call vote motion carried.

Item #3: SB781 motion to reserve for public matter hearing made by Sen. Osten and seconded by Rep. Genga.

Discussion followed with Rep. Howard interested if current crisis intervention training not sufficient. He is in favor looking how the CABLES crisis intervention can be expanded statewide as the program is beneficial. This is why police bills should be in Public Safety. No further discussion. Voice vote, motion carried all in favor, no opposed.

Item #4 SB783 motion to reserve for public hearing matter made by Sen. Osten and seconded by Sen. Bradley. No discussion. Voice vote all in favor, no oppose. Motion carried.

Item #9 HB5413 motion to reserve for public hearing matter made by Sen. Bradley and seconded by Rep. Genga.

Discussion followed with Rep. Vail voicing his concerns over the if Public Safety should say where the money goes, would this be a bill heard in finance committee, etc.

Rep. Horn good point because it relates to gaming it could potentially tie into other bills. Sen. Osten explained Teacher Retirement Fund being backed up by lottery, the fund is under the appropriation committee.

Rep. Vail no other questions. Rep. Sredzinski also questioned if this would bill would be transferred to appropriation committee. Further discussion followed Rep. Horn felt these were good points. Voice vote all in favor, no opposed, motion carried.

Item#14 HB6034 motion to reserve for public hearing matter made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Allie-Brennan.

Discussion followed with Rep. Hall asking for an explanation of concept. Rep. Paolillo explained project longevity. Rep. Vail asked if this has a firearm component. Rep. Horn said this bill includes gun violence but does not seek to restrict. Voice vote all in favor, no opposed motion carried.

Item #16 HB6046 motion to reserve for public hearing matter made by Rep. Allie-Brennan and seconded by Sen. Bradley. Discussion followed with members voicing concerns over this bill. Rep. McGorty stated this bill has been around for awhile and he does not support the bill. Rep. Horn stated that a vote to have a public hearing does not mean you support the bill. Roll call vote held motion carried.

Item #18 HB6049 motion to reserve for public hearing matter made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Genga.

Discussion followed Rep. Vail discussed if this is a mandate, etc. Rep. Howard voiced he shares the same concerns. Rep. Horn again reminded this is for hearing, but not necessarily in support for the bill. Voice vote all in favor, no opposed motion carried.

Item #20 HB6302 motion to reserve for public hearing matter made by Rep. Genga and seconded by Rep. Gonzalez. Discussion followed Rep. Vail had questions if this is a municipal mandate. Whether there is a public hearing or not he will never support forced regionalization. Rep. Sredzinski voiced his concern also about forced regionalization is not something he supports; but does support the bill having a public hearing. No further discussion. Voice vote all in favor, no opposed motion carried.

Section IV: BILLS TO BE DRAFTED

Item #1 SB573 motion for bill to be drafted as a committee bill made by Rep. Allie-Brennan and seconded by Sen. Osten.

Discussion followed with Rep. Sredzinski when it comes to drafting bills it needs to be taken more seriously. He followed with discussion on the issues he has with this bill. Rep. Vail voiced his concerns as well, that this is an attack on sports betting. Sen. Osten explaining this bill did not come from the tribes, it comes from vendors. There was further discussion. Roll call vote held motion carried.

Item #2 HB6048 motion for bill to be drafted as a committee bill made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Sen. Bradley. Discussion with Rep. Vail saying he will vote no. No further discussion. Roll call vote held motion carried.

Section V: CONCEPTS TO RAISED

Item #1 motion to raise the concept made by Rep. Paolillo and seconded by Rep. Genga. No discussion. Voice vote all in favor, no opposed motion carried.

Section VI: Bills for straight change of reference to other committees

Items 1, 2, and 3 motion for a straight change of reference to other committees made by Rep. Paolillo and Sen. Osten.

Discussion followed with Rep. Howard he would like to understand why certain bills are staying in the committee and others are being referred to other committees. Rep. Horn explained rational. No further discussion. Voice vote held, all in favor, no opposed motion carried.

Votes will remain open until 3PM.

Next committee meeting is on February 11, 2021 at 10AM and a public hearing at 1PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM.

Bonnie Gray, Asst. Clerk/Gina
McDowell, Clerk
Committee Clerk

Administrator