

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, INNOVATION, AND
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

April 20, 2015
08:30 AM

Hearing Room D

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Tobias Read, Chair
Rep. Joe Gallegos, Vice-Chair
Rep. Gene Whisnant, Vice-Chair
Rep. Cedric Hayden
Rep. Mark Johnson
Rep. Caddy McKeown
Rep. Mike Nearman
Rep. Jeff Reardon
Rep. Jennifer Williamson

STAFF PRESENT: Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator
Zach Larmer, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS: Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

MEASURES/ISSUES: HB 3342 – Work Session
HB 2611 – Work Session
HB 2870 – Work Session
HB 2871 – Work Session
HB 3075 – Work Session
HB 2262 – Work Session
HB 2860 – Work Session
HB 2832 – Work Session

Recording Log – Recording started 08:12:33 AM

00:00:10 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:11 Chair Read

00:00:40 [HB 3342 - Work Session](#)
00:00:41 Chair Read
00:00:47 Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator
00:01:30 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES HB 3342 DO PASS AS
AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
REVENUE
00:01:53 Vice-Chair Whisnant
00:02:30 Rep. McKeown
00:03:25 Rep. Nearman

00:04:08 Rep. Johnson
00:04:33 VOTE: 5-4-0
AYES: McKEOWN, REARDON, WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS, READ
NAYS: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, NEARMAN, WHISNANT

00:05:06 **HB 2611 - Work Session**
00:05:07 Chair Read
00:05:09 EXHIBIT 1: Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator
00:06:15 MOTION: CHAIR READ MOVES TO SUSPEND THE RULES IN ORDER
TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE ON HB 2611
00:06:25 VOTE: 9-0-0
AYES: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, McKEOWN, NEARMAN, REARDON,
WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS, WHISNANT, READ
00:06:33 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES TO RECONSIDER THE
VOTE BY WHICH THE -2 AMENDMENTS WERE ADOPTED
00:06:55 VOTE: 9-0-0
AYES: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, McKEOWN, NEARMAN, REARDON,
WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS, WHISNANT, READ
00:07:05 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES TO ADOPT THE -6
AMENDMENTS
00:07:20 Rep. Johnson
00:07:50 Rep. Hayden
00:08:22 VOTE: 9-0-0
AYES: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, McKEOWN, NEARMAN, REARDON,
WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS, WHISNANT, READ
00:08:32 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES HB 2611 DO PASS AS
AMENDED
00:08:44 Rep. Nearman
00:09:50 VOTE: 7-2-0
AYES: JOHNSON, McKEOWN, REARDON, WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS,
WHISNANT, READ
NAYS: HAYDEN, NEARMAN
CARRIER: REP. GALLEGOS WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE FLOOR

00:10:04 **HB 2870 - Work Session**
00:10:05 Chair Read
00:10:06 EXHIBIT 2: Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator
00:10:55 Larry Large, The Alliance
00:14:05 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES TO ADOPT THE -1
AMENDMENTS
00:14:20 VOTE: 9-0-0
AYES: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, McKEOWN, NEARMAN, REARDON,
WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS, WHISNANT, READ
00:14:22 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES HB 2870 DO PASS AS
AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

00:14:42 VOTE: 9-0-0
AYES: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, McKEOWN, NEARMAN, REARDON,
WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS, WHISNANT, READ

00:14:53 **HB 2871 - Work Session**
00:14:54 Chair Read
00:14:56 EXHIBIT 3: Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator
00:15:48 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES TO ADOPT THE -2
AMENDMENTS

00:16:08 VOTE: 9-0-0
AYES: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, McKEOWN, NEARMAN, REARDON,
WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS, WHISNANT, READ

00:16:10 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES HB 2871 DO PASS AS
AMENDED AND BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

00:16:29 Rep. Nearman
00:17:14 Rep. Johnson
00:17:42 VOTE: 9-0-0
AYES: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, McKEOWN, NEARMAN, REARDON,
WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS, WHISNANT, READ

00:18:00 **HB 3075 - Work Session**
00:18:01 Chair Read
00:19:00 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES HB 3075 WITHOUT
RECCOMENDATION TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES

00:19:11 Vice-Chair Whisnant
00:19:40 Rep. Nearman
00:20:17 VOTE: 8-1-0
AYES: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, McKEOWN, REARDON, WILLIAMSON,
GALLEGOS, WHISNANT, READ
NAYS: NEARMAN

00:20:35 **HB 2262 - Work Session**
00:20:36 Chair Read
00:20:56 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES HB 2262 WITHOUT
RECCOMMENDATION TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES

00:21:18 Rep. Johnson
00:21:28 VOTE: 7-2-0
AYES: HAYDEN, McKEOWN, REARDON, WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS,
WHISNANT, READ
NAYS: JOHNSON, NEARMAN

00:21:45 **HB 2860 - Work Session**
00:21:46 Chair Read
00:21:50 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES HB 2860 WITHOUT
RECCOMMENDATION TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES

00:22:16 Vice-Chair Whisnant
00:22:45 VOTE: 7-2-0
AYES: HAYDEN, McKEOWN, REARDON, WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS,
WHISNANT, READ
NAYS: JOHNSON, NEARMAN
00:23:47 Meeting Recessed
00:23:53 Meeting Reconvened
00:23:54 Chair Read
00:24:16 Meeting Recessed
00:24:23 Meeting Reconvened

00:24:34 **HB 2832 - Work Session**
00:24:35 Chair Read
00:24:37 EXHIBIT 4: Victoria Cox, Committee Administrator
00:25:40 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES TO ADOPT THE -4
AMENDMENTS
00:25:53 Rep. Johnson
00:28:01 VOTE: 5-4-0
AYES: McKEOWN, REARDON, WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS, READ
NAYS: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, NEARMAN, WHISNANT
00:28:04 MOTION: VICE CHAIR GALLEGOS MOVES HB 2832 DO PASS AS
AMENDED
00:28:43 VOTE: 5-4-0
AYES: McKEOWN, REARDON, WILLIAMSON, GALLEGOS, READ
NAYS: HAYDEN, JOHNSON, NEARMAN, WHISNANT
CARRIER: REP. NATHANSON WILL LEAD DISCUSSION ON THE
FLOOR
00:29:05 Meeting Adjourned