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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

8:00 AM

Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair
Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
Senator Molly Cook
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Kevin Sparks

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM. There being a quorum present 8:07 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Perry
Senator Cook
Senator Hall
Senator Hughes
Senator Miles

The chair laid out SB 53 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 53 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 502.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 502 do not pass but that CSSB 502 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Perry submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 502. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 670. Senator Hancock moved that SB 670 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 315 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 315 (See attached witness list).

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Hancock moved that SB 315 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 125 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 125 (See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 125 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1330 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1330 (See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1330 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 963 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 963 (See attached witness list).

No public witnesses registered to testify on the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 963 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out: SB 125, SB 1330. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the bills be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 9:29 AM Senator Miles moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair

Sally Buck, Clerk