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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, April 2, 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, April 2, 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 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Kevin Sparks
Senator Bryan Hughes

The chair laid out SB 968 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 968 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 437 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy", to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 437 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 626 and recognized the author, Senator Flores, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 626 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 636 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Johnson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 636 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1608 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

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

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1608 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 95.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that SB 95 do not pass but that CSSB 95 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 883.

Senator Perry moved that SB 883 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1257.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1257 do not pass but that CSSB 1257 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1522.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1522 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

Senator Hughes 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 1677.

Senator Blanco moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1677 do not pass but that CSSB 1677 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1869.

Senator Hancock moved that SB 1869 do not pass but that CSSB 1869 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2034.

Senator Perry moved that SB 2034 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

Senator Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1398.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1398 do not pass but that CSSB 1398 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out SB 884.

Senator Perry moved that SB 884 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 528 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

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

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 528 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1044 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

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

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1044 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Cook assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 884 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Cook moved that SB 884 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

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There being no further business, at 9:35 AM Senator Cook moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair

Sally Buck, Clerk