

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, April 23, 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 23, 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 established at 8:03 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry
Senator Molly Cook
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Kelly Hancock

The chair laid out SB 904 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Blanco sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 904 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 128 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 128 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1525 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez 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.

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 1525 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1528 and recognized the author, Senator West, 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 1528 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1263 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado 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.

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 CSSB 1263 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2583 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Perry moved that SB 2583 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2695 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock 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 Perry moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 Perry moved that SB 2695 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2446 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Sparks 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.

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 2446 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:46 AM Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:19 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1467.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy," 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 1467 do not pass but that CSSB 1467 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 Blanco submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

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 SB 2891 and recognized the author, Senator Cook, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Cook 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.

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 2891 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 640 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry 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.

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 640 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2306 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, 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 2306 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2308 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 2308 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1681.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1681 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 547.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez 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 547 do not pass but that CSSB 547 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.

Senator Perry 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 1681.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1681 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 Perry 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 CSSB 1266.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1266 do not pass but that CSSB 1266 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1373.

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 1373 do not pass but that CSSB 1373 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.

Senator Perry 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 2069.

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 2069 do not pass but that CSSB 2069 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 2269.

Senator Perry moved that SB 2269 do not pass but that CSSB 2269 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.

Senator Perry 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 2480.

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 2480 do not pass but that CSSB 2480 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.

Senator Perry 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 CSSB 2544.

Senator Hancock moved that SB 2544 do not pass but that CSSB 2544 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.

Senator Hancock 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 457.

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

Senator Hancock moved that SB 457 do not pass but that CSSB 457 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.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 672 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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.

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 672 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2357 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 2357 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2041 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, 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 2041 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1141 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 1141 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2857 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 2857 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:03 PM Senator Perry 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