

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Thursday, May 8, 2025

1:30 PM or upon adjournment/recess

Press Room

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Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services was held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, in the Press Room at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Bryan Hughes

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The chair called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator César Blanco

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1232.

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 1232 do not pass but that CSSB 1232 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Blanco submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 37.

Senator Perry moved that HB 37 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 Blanco 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 388.

Senator Perry moved that HB 388 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 Blanco 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 879.

Senator Perry moved that HB 879 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 Blanco and Senator Cook 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 913.

Senator Perry moved that HB 913 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 Blanco and Senator Cook 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1151.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1151 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 Blanco and Senator Cook 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2809.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2809 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 Blanco and Senator Cook 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1782.

Senator Hancock moved that SB 1782 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 Cook submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2919.

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

Senator Blanco moved that SB 2919 do not pass but that CSSB 2919 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Cook submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 116.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 116 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 Cook submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

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

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 6:24 PM Senator Perry 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

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Sally Buck, Clerk