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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, May 12, 2011

9:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.016

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 Thursday, May 12, 2011, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.016, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Senator Bob Deuell, Vice Chair
Senator Joan Huffman
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Dan Patrick
Senator Jose Rodriguez
Senator Carlos Uresti
Senator Royce West

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Judith Zaffirini

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 9:01 AM Senator Rodriguez assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2061 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 Rodriguez moved that HB 2061 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nelson moved that HB 2061 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1983 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 Rodriguez moved that HB 1983 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nelson moved that HB 1983 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2636 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, to explain the bill.

Senator Nelson sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Nelson 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 Rodriguez moved that HB 2636 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nelson moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Nelson moved that HB 2636 do not pass but that CSHB 2636 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 123 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nelson, 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 Rodriguez moved that HB 123 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Nelson moved that HB 123 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 9:23 AM Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2069 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Lucio, 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 Nelson moved that HB 2069 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Deuell moved that HB 2069 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 3051 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodriguez, 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 Nelson moved that HB 3051 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodriguez moved that HB 3051 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1615 and recognized Senator Rodriguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodriguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodriguez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Patrick moved adoption of the committee substitute; 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 Nelson moved that HB 1615 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum Senator Nelson moved that HB 1615 do not pass but that CSHB 1615 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 9:38 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3342 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Rodriguez, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodriguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodriguez 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 Deuell moved that HB 3342 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodriguez moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Rodriguez moved that HB 3342 do not pass but that CSHB 3342 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

Senator Patrick requested unanimous consent through a motion-in-writing to be shown voting aye for HB 3342; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3547 and recognized Senator Rodriguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Deuell moved that HB 3547 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodriguez moved that HB 3547 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2312 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, 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 Deuell moved that HB 2312 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodriguez moved that HB 2312 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 2370 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, 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 Deuell moved that HB 2370 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Patrick moved that HB 2370 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 9:54 AM Senator West assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3336 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Deuell, 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 West moved that HB 3336 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Deuell moved that HB 3336 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 absent.

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

At 9:57 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3146 and recognized Senator Rodriguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Deuell moved that HB 3146 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HB 3146 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

There being no further business, at 10:02 AM Senator Deuell moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:06 AM Senator Rodriguez reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 1854 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Uresti, 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 Rodriguez moved that HB 1854 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HB 1854 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 10:10 AM Senator Uresti assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2904 and recognized Senator Rodriguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Rodriguez sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Rodriguez 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 Uresti moved that HB 2904 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Uresti moved that HB 2904 do not pass but that CSHB 2904 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 1481 and recognized Senator Rodriguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Uresti moved that HB 1481 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved that HB 1481 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

The chair laid out HB 788 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Wentworth, to explain the bill.

Senator Uresti sent up a committee substitute; the chair recognized Senator Wentworth 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 Uresti moved that HB 788 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Uresti moved adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Rodriguez moved that HB 788 do not pass but that CSHB 788 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

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

At 10:24 AM Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2286 and recognized Senator Rodriguez, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 Nelson moved that HB 2286 be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered. Upon arrival of a quorum, Senator Rodriguez moved that HB 2286 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

At 10:35 AM Senator Deuell assumed the chair.

At 10:39 AM Senator Nelson resumed the chair.

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There being no further business, at 10:43 AM Senator Nelson moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Jane Nelson, Chair

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