

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

8:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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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 Tuesday, April 30, 2019, in the Senate Chamber.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair  
Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair  
Senator Dawn Buckingham  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Peter Flores  
Senator Nathan Johnson  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Beverly Powell  
Senator Kel Seliger

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 25 and recognized the sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on HB 25.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 25 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 558 and recognized the sponsor, Senator Rodriguez, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on HB 558.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 558 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2107 and recognized the sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on HB 2107.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2107 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1145 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

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

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on CSSB 1145.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 1145 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2425 and recognized Senator Seliger, in the absence of the Senate Sponsor, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2425 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1867 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on SB 1867.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1867 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1501 and recognized the sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSHB 1501 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1504 and recognized the sponsor, Senator Nichols, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSHB 1504 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2236 and recognized the author, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

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

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on CSSB 2236.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 2236 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:19 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 253 and recognized the sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on HB 253.

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

Senator Perry moved that HB 253 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1256 and recognized the sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on HB 1256.

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

Senator Perry moved that HB 1256 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1418 and recognized Senator Kolkhorst, in the absence of the Senate Sponsor, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on HB 1418.

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

Senator Perry moved that HB 1418 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:39 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew CSHB 1504.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on CSHB 1504 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSHB 1504 be left pending.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew HB 2107.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on HB 2107 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2107 be left pending.

The Chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2089.

Senator Perry moved that SB 2089 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 1404.

The chair withdrew the old committee substitute that was laid out during the April 23rd hearing. Senator Perry sent up the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 1404 and the chair explained the new committee substitute.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 1404; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1404 do not pass but that CSSB 1404 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 CSSB 1543.

The chair withdrew the old committee substitute that was laid out during the April 23rd hearing. Senator Perry sent up the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 1543 and the chair explained the new committee substitute.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 1543; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1543 do not pass but that CSSB 1543 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 Miles 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 1218.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1218 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 HB 2255.

Senator Johnson moved that HB 2255 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 Johnson moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew SB 1867.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on SB 1867 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1867 be left pending.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew HB 2425.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on HB 2425 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2425 be left pending.

At 10:31 AM Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed until 30 minutes after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:46 PM Senator Perry reconvened the meeting.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew CSHB 1501.

At 6:50 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on CSHB 1501 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSHB 1501 be left pending.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew CSSB 1145.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on CSSB 1145 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 1145 be left pending.

At 8:06 PM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew HB 253.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on HB 253 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Perry moved that HB 253 be left pending.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew HB 1256.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on HB 1256 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Perry moved that HB 1256 be left pending.

At 8:12 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

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As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew HB 25, HB 558, HB 1418, and CSSB 2236.

Witnesses registering and testifying on HB 25, HB 558, HB 1418, and CSSB 2236 are shown on the attached list.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 25, HB 558, HB 1418, and CSSB 2236 be left pending.

There being no further business, at 8:13 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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Daniel Manks, Clerk