

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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 Wednesday, March 8, 2023, in the Senate Chamber.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair  
Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair  
Senator César Blanco  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Morgan LaMantia  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Kevin Sparks

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator César Blanco  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Borris Miles

Senator Kolkhorst made opening remarks and recognized other members to make opening remarks.

Senator Perry moved adoption of the committee rules. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 497 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 497.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 497 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 415 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 415 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 780 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 780.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 780 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:33 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 458 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 458.(See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 458 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 545 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 545.(See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 545 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 745 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 745.(See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 745 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:09 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 576 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 576.(See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 576 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 497, SB 415, SB 576. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:19 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 545, SB 458, SB 745. 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 Hancock moved that SB 545 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.

At 9:21 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair lays out SB 780. 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.

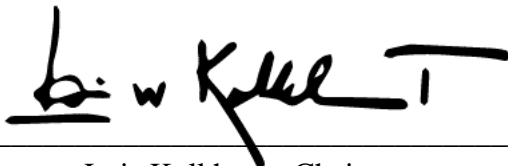
Senator Perry moved that SB 780 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

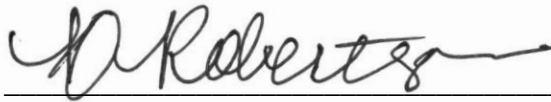
Senator Perry moved that SB 497 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

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

There being no further business, at 9:24 AM Senator Hancock moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair



Kimberly Robertson, Clerk