

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

8:30 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, April 5, 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 8:31 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Kelly Hancock  
Senator Borris Miles

The chair laid out SB 1086 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1086 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1227 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1227 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 51 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 51.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 51 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1051 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1051.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1051 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 730 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 730.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 730 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 177.

Senator Sparks moved to withdraw the committee substitute considered at the March 22, 2023 hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Sparks sent up a new committee substitute, and the chair recognized Senator Middleton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 177 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 301.

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

Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 301 do not pass but that CSSB 301 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 and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 301. Senator Kolkhorst 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 587.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 587 do not pass but that CSSB 587 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, Senator Hall, and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 587. Senator Hughes 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 593.

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 Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 593 do not pass but that CSSB 593 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 and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 593.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 664.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 664 do not pass but that CSSB 664 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 and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 664. 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 867.

Senator Perry moved that SB 867 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 867. 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 1140.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1140 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1140.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1286.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1286 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1286. 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 1429.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1429 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1429. 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 SB 577 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 577.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 577 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 135 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 135 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 681 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 681 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1534 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1534.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1534 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2381 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2381 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 622 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 622.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 622 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2173 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2173 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 187 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 187.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 187 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 188 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 188.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 188 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:03 AM Senator Hall assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1853 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1853.(See attached witness list).

Senator Hall moved that SB 1853 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1629 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1629.(See attached witness list).

Senator Hall moved that SB 1629 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:25 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1343 and recognized the author, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1343.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1343 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 565 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. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 565.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 565 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1275 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

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. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1275.(See attached witness list).

At 10:47 AM Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:39 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

Public Testimony was heard on SB 1275. 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.

At 5:25 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 1629, SB 1853. Public testimony was heard on the bills. 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 6:01 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2260 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 2260.(See attached witness list). 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 2260 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2261 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Blanco 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 Kolkhorst moved that SB 2261 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills, SB 51, SB 135, SB 730, SB 1086, SB 1227, SB 1534, SB 2173, SB 681, SB 2381, SB 577, SB 622, SB 187, SB 188, SB 1051, SB 565, SB 1343. Public testimony was heard.

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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 177.

Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 177 do not pass but that CSSB 177 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Perry and Senator Hancock submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 177.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 515.

Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 515 do not pass but that CSSB 515 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 Perry submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 515.



The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 565.

Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 565 do not pass but that CSSB 565 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 and Senator Hancock submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 565. Senator Hughes 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 681.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 681 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 and Senator Hancock submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 681. Senator Hughes 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 1086.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 1086 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 and Senator Hancock submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1086. Senator Hughes 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 2260.

Senator Hughes moved that SB 2260 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 and Senator Hancock submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 2260. Senator Hughes 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 2261.

Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 2261 do not pass but that CSSB 2261 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 and Senator

Hancock submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 2261. Senator Hughes 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 7:04 PM Senator Hughes 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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Kimberly Robertson, Clerk