

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

8:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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 19, 2023, in the Senate Chamber.

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

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

At 8:06 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 945.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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 945 do not pass but that CSSB 945 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 945. Senator Hancock moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:07 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 389.

Senator Hall 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 Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 389 do not pass but that CSSB 389 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 389. 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 1534.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1534 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on SB 1534.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2256.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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 2256 do not pass but that CSSB 2256 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 2256.

The chair laid out SB 1192 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1192 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2017 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 2017.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2017 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2591 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 2591.(See attached witness list). Public testimony was heard on 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 Perry moved that SB 2591 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 on SB 2591.

The chair laid out SB 1098 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton 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 1098.(See attached witness list). Public testimony was heard on 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 Kolkhorst moved that SB 1098 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1864 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1864.(See attached witness list).

At 8:57 AM Senator Blanco assumed the chair.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1864 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1282 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1282 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 490 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 490.(See attached witness list).

Senator Blanco moved that SB 490 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 826 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Blanco moved that SB 826 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1138 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1138.(See attached witness list).

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1138 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1666 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1666 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2489 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock 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 2489.(See attached witness list).

Senator Blanco moved that SB 2489 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2045 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 2045.(See attached witness list).

Senator Blanco moved that SB 2045 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1242 and recognized the author, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1242 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1592 and recognized the author, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator LaMantia 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 1592.(See attached witness list).

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1592 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2133 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Senator LaMantia 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 2133.(See attached witness list).

Senator Blanco moved that SB 2133 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1342 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1342 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 666 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall 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 666.(See attached witness list).

At 10:10 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 666 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2064 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt 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 2064 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:19 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2402 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 2402.(See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 2402 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1930 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1930.(See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 1930 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 446 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 446.(See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that HB 446 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:47 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

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 10:13 PM, 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 reconvened by Senator Kolkhorst on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, in the Betty King Committee Room, 2E.20.

At 10:14 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 49 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Public testimony was heard on 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 Perry moved that HB 49 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:26 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1695 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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 1695.(See attached witness list). Public testimony was heard on 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 Kolkhorst moved that SB 1695 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2212 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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 2212.(See attached witness list). Public testimony was heard on 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 Kolkhorst moved that SB 2212 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1192. 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.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out the following bills: HB 446, SB 1930, SB 2402. 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.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out the following bills: SB 2489, SB 666, SB 1138, SB 1666, SB 1864, SB 826, SB 1342, SB 490, SB 1282, SB 2133, SB 1242, SB 2045, SB 2017, SB 1592. 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.

There being no further business, at 12:00 AM Senator Kolkhorst 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Kimberly Robertson, Clerk