

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, May 16, 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 Tuesday, May 16, 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 8:02 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Morgan LaMantia

The chair laid out HB 1167 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 1167 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 625 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 625 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2556 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2556 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 999 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 999 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 729 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 729 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1009 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 1009 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1649 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Parker, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 1649 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3462 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Sparks to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 3462 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3265 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 3265 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2632 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

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. 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 2632 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4888 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 4888 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3162 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 Hughes moved that HB 3162 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 Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes informed the committee that the new Senate sponsor for HB 3162 would be Senator Drew Springer.

The chair laid out HB 4500 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 4500 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2556.

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 HB 2556 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 999.

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 HB 999 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4696 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 4696 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2002 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 2002 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2969 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 2969 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3286 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 3286 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:12 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 12 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 12 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:41 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

At 10:41 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:18 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

At 5:18 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 400 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Perry moved that HB 400 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 968 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 968 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4091 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 4091 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:44 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2651 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 2651 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4170 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator LaMantia, 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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 4170 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2632.

Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 2632 do not pass but that CSSB 2632 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 Hall 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 755 in lieu thereof SB 1150.

Senator Perry moved that HB 755 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2002.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2002 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 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 2651.

Senator Blanco moved that HB 2651 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 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 2969.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2969 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 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 3462.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 3462 do not pass but that CSHB 3462 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 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 2143.

Senator Perry 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 Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 2143 do not pass but that CSSB 2143 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.

At 5:58 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 25.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 25 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.

At 5:59 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 5:59 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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Kimberly Robertson, Clerk