

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Friday, May 19, 2023

8:00 AM

Senate Chamber

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Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services was held on Friday, May 19, 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 9:05 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Borris Miles

The chair laid out HB 1998 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 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 1998 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 617 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 617 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2414 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 2414 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3329 and recognized Senator Sparks, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 3329 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1357 and recognized Senator LaMantia, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 1357 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:59 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2512 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 2512 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1771.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1771 do not pass but that CSHB 1771 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1771. 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 HB 1898.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1898 do not pass but that CSHB 1898 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1898.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2512.

Senator Hancock moved that HB 2512 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting

to be shown voting aye on HB 2512. 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 HB 4091.

Senator Hancock moved that HB 4091 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 4091.

At 10:09 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 113.

Senator Perry moved that HB 113 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 113. Senator Blanco 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 181.

Senator Perry moved that HB 181 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 181. 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 299.

Senator Perry moved that HB 299 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 299.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 687.

Senator Blanco moved that HB 687 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 687. Senator Blanco 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 729.

Senator Perry moved that HB 729 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 729.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1167.

Senator Perry moved to withdraw the committee substitute considered at the May 16, 2023 hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 1167 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1167. 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 1287.

Senator Blanco moved to withdraw the committee substitute considered at the May 17, 2023 hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Blanco sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Blanco moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Blanco moved that HB 1287 do not pass but that CSHB 1287 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1287. Senator Blanco 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 1592.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1592 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1592. Senator Blanco 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 1649.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1649 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion failed with a record vote of 3 ayes, 3 nays, 1 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Hancock moved to reconsider the vote by which HB 1649 failed to receive an affirmative vote of the committee. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that HB 1649 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1649.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1879.

Senator Sparks moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Sparks moved that HB 1879 do not pass but that CSHB 1879 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 CSHB 1879. Senator Sparks 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 1743.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1743 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 aye on HB 1743.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2478.

Senator Blanco moved that HB 2478 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 aye on HB 2478.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3130.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3130 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3130.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3144.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3144 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3144. 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 3359.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3359 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3359. 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 3456.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 3456 do not pass but that CSHB 3456 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 CSHB 3456. 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 3808.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3808 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3808. 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 3550.

Senator LaMantia moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator LaMantia moved that HB 3550 do not pass but that CSHB 3550 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 3550.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3942.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3942 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3942.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4169.

Senator Perry moved that HB 4169 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 4169.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4233.

Senator Perry moved that HB 4233 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 aye on HB 4233.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4758.

Senator Perry moved that HB 4758 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 4758.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 617.

Senator Perry moved that HB 617 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 617.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1357.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1357 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1357. 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 1998.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 1998 do not pass but that CSHB 1998 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 CSHB 1998. 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 2414.

Senator Hancock moved that HB 2414 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, 1 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2414.

At 10:44 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Kolkhorst to suspend Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services was reconvened on Friday, May 19, 2023, in 3E.4 to consider HB 1105, HB 1667, and HB 3824.

At 1:31 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 1667 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 1667 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3824 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, 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 3824 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 1:35 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1105 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst 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 the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1105 do not pass but that CSHB 1105 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 Hall submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1105. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on CSHB 1105.

At 1:46 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1667.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1667 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 Hall and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1667.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3824.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3824 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 Hall and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3824.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2727.

Senator Blanco moved to withdraw the committee substitute considered at the May 17, 2023 hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 2727 do not pass but that CSHB 2727 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 HB 3824. 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 2556.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2556 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2556.

At 1:57 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4990 in lieu thereof SB 2402.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 4990 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 aye on HB 4990.

At 1:58 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 1:59 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