

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

2:00 PM or 30 minutes upon adjournment/recess

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, April 8, 2025, in the Senate Chamber.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. 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

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 968.

Senator Perry moved that SB 968 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 Blanco submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

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 636.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that SB 636 do not pass but that CSSB 636 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 Blanco submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1137.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1137 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 Blanco submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

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 1138.

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. Senator Miles moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Miles moved that SB 1138 do not pass but that CSSB 1138 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 Blanco submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye.

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

The chair laid out SB 719 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt 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 the committee substitute be withdrawn and SB 719 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

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.

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 the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

The chair laid out SB 1467 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the author, 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 SB 1467 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 912 and recognized the author, 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 SB 912 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2023 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

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 2023 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1232 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.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

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 the committee substitute be withdrawn and SB 1232 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1777 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 1777 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2458 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 2458 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 500 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, 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 SB 500 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2119 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, 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 SB 2119 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 5:47 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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Sally Buck, Clerk