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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

1:00 PM or upon adjournment/recess

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 Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the Senate Chamber.

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

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator César Blanco
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Bryan Hughes

The chair laid out SB 1266 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado 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 1266 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1952 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

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Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1952 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.

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2023 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 623 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, 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 623 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1373 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the author, 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. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1373 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1580 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 1580 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2544 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

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 Kolkhorst moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2544 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2544.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 2544 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2796 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 Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 2796 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2269 and recognized the author, 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 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 2269 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2653 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.

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.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 2653 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1310 and recognized the author, Senator Cook, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Cook 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 withdrew the committee substitute and moved that SB 1310 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 7:15 PM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair

Sally Buck, Clerk