

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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 Wednesday, April 30, 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 8:01 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Kevin Sparks

The chair laid out SB 905 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.

No witnesses registered to testify on the bill.

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

The chair laid out HB 451 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton 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 451 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 451.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSHB 451 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 466 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton 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 466 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2311 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, 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 2311 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2826 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, 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 2826 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 136 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 136 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2805 and recognized the author, Senator Hagenbuch, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2805 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1986 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, 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 1986 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2450 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 Kolkhorst moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2450 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2919 and recognized the author, 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 senate bill as filed.

No witnesses registered to testify on the bill.

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

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2919 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 128.

Senator Perry moved that SB 128 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, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 142 in lieu of SB 1461.

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

Senator Perry moved that HB 142 do not pass but that CSHB 142 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 640.

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 640 do not pass but that CSSB 640 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 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 CSSB 905.

Senator Perry moved that SB 905 do not pass but that CSSB 905 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 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 CSSB 1263.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1263 do not pass but that CSSB 1263 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1525.

The chair withdraws the committee substitute that was left pending at a previous hearing.

Senator Perry sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menéndez 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 1525 do not pass but that CSSB 1525 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 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 1608.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell 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 1608 do not pass but that CSSB 1608 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 2857.

Senator Perry moves to reconsider the motion by which the committee substitute was adopted; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 2857 do not pass but that CSSB 2857 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 Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 425 and recognized the author, 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 SB 425 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 3001 and recognized the author, 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 SB 3001 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 11:14 AM 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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Sally Buck, Clerk