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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

8:00 AM

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 Wednesday, May 7, 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 Borris Miles
Senator Kevin Sparks

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 2358 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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 HB 2358 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 18 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, 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 18 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 37 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Huffman, 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 37 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 879 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hagenbuch, to explain the bill.

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 HB 879 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 913 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hagenbuch, to explain the bill.

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 HB 913 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2744 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles 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.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

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 2744 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1151 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 1151 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 577 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West 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 577 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2216 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2216 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:49 AM Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:06 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2216.

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 2216 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1782 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, 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 1782 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 481.

The chair moved to withdraw the committee substitute that was left pending at a previous hearing; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Cook sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Cook moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 481 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 388 and recognized Senator Hancock, 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 388 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1590 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered to testify on the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1590 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2809 and recognized Senator Molly Cook, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

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 HB 2809 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1887 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 1887 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 116 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.

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Senator Perry moved that HB 116 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 8:21 PM Senator Kolkhorst 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