

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

1:30 PM or 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, May 13, 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 2:55 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Molly Cook  
Senator Bryan Hughes  
Senator Borris Miles

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 2358.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2358 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 3 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 HB 18.

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

Senator Hancock moved that HB 18 do not pass but that CSHB 18 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent.

The chair laid out HB 35 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 35 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1612 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Perry moved that HB 1612 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2510 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 2510 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3597 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Perry moved that HB 3597 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4224 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Perry moved that HB 4224 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4273 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 house bill as engrossed. Senator Perry moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 that HB 4273 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3560 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 3560 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4643 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 4643 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1314 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 1314 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 754 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 754 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 138 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 138 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4783 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 HB 4783 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2254 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2254 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2789 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2789 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 4:50 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