

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

1:30 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, May 20, 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 4:49 PM. There being a quorum present at 4:53 PM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry
Senator César Blanco
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Borris Miles

The chair laid out HB 4743 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, 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 4743 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4129 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, 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 4129 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4903 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Birdwell, 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 4903 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3812 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 3812 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4535 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 4535 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4666 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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 4666 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4730 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 4730 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 163 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Blanco sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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 163 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 216 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 Perry moved that HB 216 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 2035 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, 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 2035 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2038 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSHB 2038 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3057 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 3057 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1380.

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

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 1380 do not pass but that CSSB 1380 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 216.

Senator Perry moved that HB 216 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 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 742.

Senator Perry moved that HB 742 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 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 2402.

Senator Hughes moved that HB 2402 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.

The chair laid out HB 721 and recognized Senator Hall, 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 721 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4377 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, 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 4377 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5149 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered to testify on the bill.

The chair laid out HB 3801 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Molly Cook, 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 3801 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3595 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 3595 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3153 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 Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; 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 CSHB 3153 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3233 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.

No witnesses registered to testify on the bill.

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 Perry moved that CSHB 3233 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4076 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 4076 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5155 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 5155 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 8:22 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