

**MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

8:30 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, March 27, 2019, in the Senate Chamber.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair  
Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair  
Senator Dawn Buckingham  
Senator Donna Campbell  
Senator Peter Flores  
Senator Nathan Johnson  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Beverly Powell  
Senator Kel Seliger

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

At 8:33 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 23.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 23 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, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

At 8:35 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 952. The chair withdrew the old committee substitute that was laid out during the March 12th hearing.

Senator Perry sent up the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 952 and the chair recognized Senator Watson to explain the new committee substitute.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 952; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry moved that SB 952 do not pass but that CSSB 952 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 1113.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1113 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 CSSB 1234.

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

Senator Buckingham moved that SB 1234 do not pass but that CSSB 1234 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 Buckingham 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 1238.

Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Nathan Johnson to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Johnson moved the adoption of the committee substitute for Senate Bill 1238; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Johnson moved that SB 1238 do not pass but that CSSB 1238 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 1535.

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 1535 do not pass but that CSSB 1535 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 1947.

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 1947 do not pass but that CSSB 1947 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 1564.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1564 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 821.

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

Senator Perry moved that SB 821 do not pass but that CSSB 821 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:45 AM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 981.

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

Senator Seliger moved that SB 981 do not pass but that CSSB 981 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Campbell 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 1621. The chair withdrew the old committee substitute that was laid out during the March 19th hearing.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 1621 and the chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the new committee substitute.

Senator Seliger moved the adoption of the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 1621; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Seliger moved that SB 1621 do not pass but that CSSB 1621 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Seliger 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 1622. The chair withdrew the old committee substitute that was laid out during the March 19th hearing.

Senator Miles sent up the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 1622 and the chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the new committee substitute.

Senator Johnson moved the adoption of the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 1622; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Johnson moved that SB 1622 do not pass but that CSSB 1622 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Miles 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 2150. The chair withdrew the old committee substitute that was laid out during the March 26th hearing.

Senator Seliger sent up the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 2150 and the chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the new committee substitute.

Senator Powell moved the adoption of the new committee substitute for Senate Bill 2150; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Powell moved that SB 2150 do not pass but that CSSB 2150 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Seliger 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 2151.

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

Senator Seliger moved that SB 2151 do not pass but that CSSB 2151 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

Senator Campbell moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:55 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1056 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Johnson sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on CSSB 1056. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1056 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1636 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1636 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2132 and recognized the author, Senator Powell, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on SB 2132. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2132 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:28 AM Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SCR 21 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair called invited individuals to provide invited testimony on SCR 21. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Senator Campbell moved that SCR 21 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2200 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

At 9:37 AM Senator Perry resumed the chair.

Senator Perry moved that SB 2200 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew SCR 21 and CSSB 2200.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on SCR 21 and CSSB 2200 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 SCR 21 and CSSB 2200 be left pending.

At 9:38 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew CSSB 1056.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on CSSB 1056 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 CSSB 1056 be left pending.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew SB 1636.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on SB 1636 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 1636 be left pending.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out anew SB 2132.

Public witnesses registering and testifying on SB 2132 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 2132 be left pending.

Senator Kolkhorst accepted a motion in writing form from Senator Powell to be shown voting “aye” on the following bills:

CSSB 821

CSSB 952

CSSB 981

SB 1113

CSSB 1234

CSSB 1238

SB 1564

CSSB 1621

CSSB 1622

CSSB 1647

CSSB 1535



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There being no further business, at 9:40 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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Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair

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Daniel Manks, Clerk