

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Jane Nelson
Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator Royce West
Senator John Whitmire

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Huffman made opening remarks.

The Committee heard invited and public testimony on the following interim charge:

Mental Health Delivery – Examine the state mental health service delivery system. Study the state's Comprehensive Plan for State-Funded Inpatient Mental Health Services and the Statewide

Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and evaluate the existing state investments in mental health services and state hospital capacity. Review current forensic and civil mental health service waitlists, and recommend ways to improve coordination and outcomes to reduce waitlists. Explore and report on options for additional mental health service capacity, including building state hospitals in the Panhandle and Rio Grande Valley areas.

Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

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

There being no further business, at 5:38 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk