

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

9:00 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, March 31, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair
Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Kel Seliger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. There being a quorum present at 9:12 AM , the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair
Senator Cesar Blanco
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Kel Seliger

The chair laid out SB 1397 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1397.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1397 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1414 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1414.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1414 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1614 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1614.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1614 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1616 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1616.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1616 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 984 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 984.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 984 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 493 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry 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. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 493.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 493 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1195 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

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 Kolkhorst moved that SB 1195 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 3 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SCR 3 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 640 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Menendez to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 640.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 640 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 437 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 437.(See attached witness list).Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 437 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 968 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 968.(See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 968 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 969 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Perry moved that SB 969 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 454 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 454.(See attached witness list). Senator Campbell moved that SB 454 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1310 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1310 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Pursuant to a motion made by Senator Kolkhorst to suspend Senate Rules 11.10 and 11.18, the Chair reconvened the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services at 10:30 p.m. in the Betty King Committee Room.

At 10:30 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1313 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1313 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills SCR 3, SB 437, SB 1310, SB 493, SB 640, SB 984, SB 1397, SB 1414,SB 1195, SB 1313, SB 1614, SB 1616, SB 454, SB 968, SB 969. Public testimony was heard on the bills.

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

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

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 stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:17 AM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 239. Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 239 do not pass but that CSSB 239 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 SB 1397.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1397 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 SB 1414.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1414 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 SCR 3.

Senator Perry moved adoption of the committee substitute. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moves that SCR 3 do not pass but that the committee substitute adopted in lieu of do pass and be printed. Senator Perry moved that SCR 3 do not pass but that CSSCR 3

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 assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 966 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Powell moved adoption of the committee substitute for SB 966. There being no objection, it was so ordered. Senator Powell moved that SB 966 do not pass but that CSSB 966 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 Miles moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

There being no further business, Senator Miles moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair at 2:28 AM on April 1, 2021. Without objection, it was so ordered.



Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair



Avery Kostic, Clerk