

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

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, April 14, 2021, in the Senate Chamber.

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#### **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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM. A quorum being established at 8:42, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry  
Senator César Blanco  
Senator Bob Hall  
Senator Beverly Powell  
Senator Kel Seliger

The chair laid out SB 1341 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1341 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1349 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt 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 1349.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1349 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 866 and recognized the author, Senator Creighton, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Creighton 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 866.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 866 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1138 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 1138. (See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1138 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1917 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1917 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1921 and recognized the author, Senator Lucio, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Lucio, Jr. 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 1921.(See attached witness list). Senator Campbell moved that SB 1921 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1895 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1895.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1895 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1059 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton 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 1059. (See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1921 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2049 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 2049.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2049 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1673 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1673 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 797 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 797.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 797 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1856 and recognized the author, Senator Powell, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1856 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1692 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1692.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1876 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1876 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1876 .(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1876 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1244 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1244 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1648 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1648.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1648 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 636 and recognized the author, Senator Seliger, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 636.(See attached witness list).Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 636 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 2028 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles 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 2028.(See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 2028 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1136 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles 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 1136.(See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 1136 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1808 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Powell 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 1808.(See attached witness list). Senator Perry moved that SB 1808 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 171 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 171.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 171 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills SB 171, SB 636, SB 866, SB 1059, SB 1136, SB 1138, SB 1244, SB 1341, SB 1349, SB 1648, SB 1673, SB 1692, SB 1808, SB 1856, SB 1876, SB 1895, SB 1917, SB 1921, SB 2028, SB 2049, HB 797. 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 assumed the chair.

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

At 7:55 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills SB 171, SB 636, SB 866, SB 1059, SB 1136, SB 1138, SB 1244, SB 1341, SB 1349, SB 1648, SB 1673, SB 1692, SB 1808, SB 1856, SB 1876, SB 1895, SB 1917, SB 1921, SB 2028, SB 2049, HB 797. Public testimony was heard on the bills.

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

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

There being no further business, Senator Kolkhorst 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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Avery Kotic, Clerk