

## **MINUTES**

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

Thursday, April 15, 2021

12:30 PM or upon adjournment/recess

Press Room

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Pursuant to suspension of Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services was held on Thursday, April 15, 2021, in the Senate Press Room, 2E.9, at Austin, Texas.

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Dawn Buckingham

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The chair called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The posting rule, Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, was suspended to hear the following bill(s):

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1896 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 Kolkhorst moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator

Hall moved that SB 1896 do not pass but that CSSB 1896 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 552.

Senator Campbell moved that SB 552 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 Hall 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 617 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Seliger moved that SB 617 do not pass but that CSSB 617 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 617. Senator Powell 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 1136.

Senator Miles moved that SB 1136 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 Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1136. Senator Blanco 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 1808.

Senator Hall moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 1808 do not pass but that CSSB 1808 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Senator Hall moved that SB 1808 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 Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB

1808. Senator Blanco moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business 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. Senator Perry moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 437 do not pass but that CSSB 437 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 437. 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 984 and recognized Senator Kolkhorst, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry 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 Blanco moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Blanco moved that SB 984 do not pass but that CSSB 984 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 984. 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 184.

Senator Perry moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 184 do not pass but that CSSB 184 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 184. 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 452.

Senator Perry moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 452 do not pass but that CSSB 452 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 1534.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1534 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 SB 1763.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1763 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 SB 1829.

Senator Perry moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1829 do not pass but that CSSB 1829 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1829. 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 1911.

Senator Perry moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1911 do not pass but that CSSB 1911 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1911. 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 1941.

Senator Perry moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1941 do not pass but that CSSB 1941 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1941.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 50.

Senator Perry moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 50 do not pass but that CSSB 50 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Senator Perry moved that SB 50 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 Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 50.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1138.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1138 do not pass but that CSSB 1138 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. Senator Perry moved that SB 1138 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 SB 1244.

Senator Miles moved that SB 1244 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 Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1244. 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 SB 1341.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1341 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. During the vote, Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1341 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1349.

Senator Blanco moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Blanco moved that SB 1349 do not pass but that CSSB 1349 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1349.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1692.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1692 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 Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1692. 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 1856.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1856 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 Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1856. 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 1895.

Senator Powell moved that SB 1895 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 Campbell submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1895. Senator Powell 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 1917.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1917 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2049.

Senator Perry moved that SB 2049 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 HB 797.

Senator Perry moved that HB 797 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.

Senator Campbell moved to reconsider the vote by which SB 1146 by Senator Perry was reported to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as substituted and be printed. Senator Campbell was on the prevailing side. Senator Campbell moved adoption of the motion. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Seliger moved that SB 1146 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1341.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1341 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

There being no further business, Senator Miles 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