

## **MINUTES**

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

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

8:00 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, May 12, 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 8:06 AM. There being a quorum established at 8:38 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

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

The chair laid out HB 549 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 549.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 549 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1434 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 1434.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1434 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2058 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 2058.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2058 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Buckingham to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed.

Senator Campbell assumed the chair.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 4.(See attached witness list). Public testimony was heard.

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

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

Senator Campbell moved that HB 4 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1618 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 1618 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2374 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 2374 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2658 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 2658 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3041 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 3041 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 18 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 18 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SCR 31 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell moved that SCR 31 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1276 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 1276.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1276 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2093 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 2093.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2093 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3961 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 3961.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 3961 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills, HB 4, HB 549, HB 1276, HB 1434, HB 2058, HB 1618, HB 2374, HB 3041, HB 18, HB 2658, SCR 31, HB 2093, HB 3961. Public testimony was heard.

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

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

These bills were left pending.

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