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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Friday, May 21, 2021

8:30 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 Friday, May 21, 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 8:40 AM. There being a quorum present, 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

The chair laid out HB 3287 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 3287.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 3287 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1824 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1824 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2365 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 2365.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2365 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HCR 54 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HCR 54 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4295 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 4295 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3121 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 3121.(See attached witness list).

Senator Buckingham assumed the chair.

Senator Buckingham moved that HB 3121 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Buckingham moved that the committee stand at ease subject to the call of the chair.

At 9:09 AM Senator Buckingham reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HCR 86 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Senator Buckingham moved that HCR 86 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Miles assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1164 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Buckingham, to explain the bill.

Senator Buckingham sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Buckingham 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 1164.(See attached witness list). Senator Miles moved that HB 1164 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Miles moves that the committee stand at ease subject to the call of the chair.

At 9:33 AM Senator Seliger reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 700 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 700.(See attached witness list). Senator Seliger moved that HB 700 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1423 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger moved that HB 1423 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 3626 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 3626.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 3626 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3469 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 3469.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 3469 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1681 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Alvarado 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 1681.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1681 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2633 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 2633 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Seliger assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1914 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger moved that HB 1914 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3379 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. Senator Seliger moved that HB 3379 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3691 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger moved that HB 3691 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3720 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Seliger moved that HB 3720 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 290 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Blanco sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Seliger moved that HB 290 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 1664 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Eckhardt, to explain the bill.

Senator Campbell sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1664 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1516 and recognized Senator Campbell, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill. Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1516 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

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

At 5:25 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills, HB 1164, HB 1664, HB 2633, HB 3287, HCR 54, HCR 86, HB 700, HB 1824, HB 2365, HB 3469, HB 3626, HB 4295, HB 3121, HB 1516, HB 1681, HB 1434, HB 1914, HB 3720, HB 3379, HB 3691, HB 290.

Public testimony was heard.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1681.

Senator Kolkhorst sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Miles then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Miles moved that HB 1681 do not pass but that CSHB 1681 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 Seliger, Senator Hall, and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1681. Senator Campbell 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 290.

Senator Miles then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Campbell moved that HB 290 do not pass but that CSHB 290 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 290.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3691.

Senator Campbell moved that HB 3691 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3691.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3720.

Senator Miles moved that HB 3720 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3720. 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 3379.

Senator Seliger then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Miles moved that HB 3379 do not pass but that CSHB 3379 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3379. Senator Perry 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 HB 1315.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 1315 do not pass but that CSHB 1315 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1315.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HCR 54.

Senator Perry moved that HCR 54 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HCR 54. 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 HCR 86.

Senator Perry moved that HCR 86 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 Hall, Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HCR 86.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 700.

Senator Perry moved that HB 700 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 700. 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 1164.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 1164 do not pass but that CSHB 1164 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1164. 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 1423.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1423 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1423. 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 1664.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 1664 do not pass but that CSHB 1664 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 1664.

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 1824.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1824 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 1824. 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 2633.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2633 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2633. 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 2365.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2365 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 2365.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3469.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3469 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3469. 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 3626.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3626 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 submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3626. Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown absent on HB 3626. 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 4295.

Senator Perry moved that HB 4295 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 4295. 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 3287.

Senator Perry then moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 3287 do not pass but that CSHB 3287 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 Hall and Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSHB 3287.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3121.

Senator Powell moved that HB 3121 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 Hall and F290Senator Buckingham submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on HB 3121.

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.



Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair



Avery Kostic, Clerk