

## **MINUTES**

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

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

9:00 AM

Betty King Committee Room

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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 Tuesday, August 10, 2021, in the Betty King Committee Room at Austin, Texas.

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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 Beverly Powell  
Senator Kel Seliger

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Borris Miles

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The chair called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator César Blanco  
Senator Dawn Buckingham

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony (see attached witness list) on the following agenda items:

Staffing in Texas hospitals; current trends in COVID-19 hospitalizations and fatalities data and its relation to capacity; and the current need for medical equipment.

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There being no further business, at 2:00 PM 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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Kimberly Robertson, Clerk