

**SENATE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services  
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, March 31, 2021  
PLACE: Senate Chamber  
CHAIR: Senator Lois Kolkhorst

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The committee will meet to consider the following business:

**SB 437** Blanco  
Relating to the state reserve of personal protective equipment for health care workers and essential personnel.

**SB 454** Kolkhorst  
Relating to mental health services development plans as updated by local mental health authority groups.

**SB 493** Johnson | et al.  
Relating to health care liability insurance for certain nursing facilities.

**SB 640** Menéndez  
Relating to a study on the interoperability needs and technology readiness of behavioral health service providers in this state.

**SB 968** Kolkhorst  
Relating to public health disaster and public health emergency preparedness and response; providing a civil penalty.

**SB 969** Kolkhorst  
Relating to reporting procedures for and information concerning public health disasters and to certain public health studies; creating the office of the chief state epidemiologist; providing a civil penalty.

**SB 984** Schwertner | et al.  
Relating to public health disaster and public health emergency preparedness and response, including the operation of the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response.

**SB 1195** Paxton  
Relating to the right of certain hospital patients to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.

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**SB 1310** Hall  
Relating to informed consent to immunizations for children.

**SB 1313** Hall  
Relating to the right to choose and refuse medical treatment and control measures and to the imposition of isolation or quarantine control measures.

**SB 1397** Hinojosa  
Relating to establishing a coordinated system for the dispatch, triage, transport, and transfer of patients in certain trauma service area regional advisory councils; providing rulemaking authority.

**SB 1414** Huffman  
Relating to the time frame for passing certain licensing examinations for applicants seeking a license to practice medicine.

**SB 1614** Bettencourt  
Relating to requiring emergency generators or other power sources in nursing facilities and assisted living facilities.

**SB 1616** Bettencourt  
Relating to powers and duties of governmental entities during a public health disaster; providing civil penalties.

**SCR 3** Paxton | et al.  
Condemning China's practice of involuntary organ harvesting.

Pending Business

Oral testimony: fill out a paper witness card and submit to the Clerk.

Oral and written testimony: fill out a paper witness card and hold on to your documents until your name is called to testify.

Position only: register using the Senate kiosk located outside of the Senate Chamber.

Written testimony only: register your position using the Senate kiosk then bring 20 copies, with your name on each copy, to the Clerk, during the hearing.

Public oral testimony will be limited to 3 minutes.

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