

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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 Wednesday, March 15, 2023, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair
Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Morgan LaMantia
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Kevin Sparks

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Bob Hall
Senator Morgan LaMantia
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Borris Miles

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 24 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Kolkhorst to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 24. (See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 24 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 384 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.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 384. (See attached witness list).

Senator Blanco assumed the chair.

Senator Blanco moved that SB 384 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 944 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 944. (See attached witness list).

Senator Perry resumed the chair.

Senator Perry moved that SB 944 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 401 and recognized the author, 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 senate bill as filed.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 401. (See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 401 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 240 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 240. (See attached witness list).

The chair laid out SB 1163 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The Chair called the following resource witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1163. (See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1163 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:42 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:23 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1162 and recognized the author, Senator Birdwell, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1162 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 241 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 241 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 351 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following resource witnesses to provide testimony on SB 351. (See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 351 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 614 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 614 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 515 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 515 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1031 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1031 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1197 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1197 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 182 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following resource witnesses to provide testimony on SB 182. (See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 182 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 850 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 Kolkhorst moved that SB 850 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 593 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 593. (See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 593 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 241, SB 351, SB 614. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 24, SB 515, SB 1031, SB 384, SB 401, SB 944. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 1162, SB 1163, SB 1197, SB 593, SB 240, SB 850, SB 182. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills 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 SB 415.

Senator Perry moved that SB 415 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 415.

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 240.

Senator Perry moved that SB 240 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 240.

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 241.

Senator Hancock moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 241 do not pass but that CSSB 241 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 241.

Senator Hancock 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 850.

Senator Perry moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 850 do not pass but that CSSB 850 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 850.

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

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 24.

Senator Hancock moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 24 do not pass but that CSSB 24 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on CSSB 24.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 384.

Senator Hancock moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 384 do not pass but that CSSB 384 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, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 384.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 401.

Senator Hancock moved that the committee substitute be adopted; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 401 do not pass but that CSSB 401 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 401.

Senator Hancock 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 745.

Senator Hancock 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 Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock moved that SB 745 do not pass but that CSSB 745 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 745.

Senator Hancock 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 458.

Senator Hancock 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 Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock moved that SB 458 do not pass but that CSSB 458 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 Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 458.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 7:23 PM Senator Hancock moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair



Kimberly Robertson, Clerk