

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 22, 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 22, 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 Charles Perry
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Morgan LaMantia
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Kevin Sparks

The chair laid out SB 52 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Zaffirini 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 52.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 52 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 426 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 426.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 426 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:54 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 25 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 25.(See attached witness list).

Public testimony was heard on the bill. 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 Perry moved that SB 25 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 26 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 26.(See attached witness list).

Public testimony was heard on the bill. 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 Perry moved that SB 26 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:21 AM Senator Blanco assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 177 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Middleton 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 177.(See attached witness list).

Senator Blanco moved that SB 177 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:35 AM Senator Blanco moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 2:28 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 182 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Hancock moved that SB 182 do not pass but that CSSB 182 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 Hughes and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 182.

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

At 2:32 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 25.

Senator Hancock moved that SB 25 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 Hughes and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 25.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 944 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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 944 do not pass but that CSSB 944 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 Hughes and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 944.

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

The chair laid out SB 1024 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1024.(See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 1024 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:32 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1583 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. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1583.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1583 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 403 and recognized the author, Senator Springer, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 403 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 265 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry 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 265 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 299 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 299.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 299 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 301 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 301.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 301 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:53 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 52.

At 5:03 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

Public testimony was heard on the bill. 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.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 301, SB 426, SB 403, SB 265. Public testimony was heard on the bills. 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.


At 7:13 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 1024. Public testimony was heard on the bill. 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.

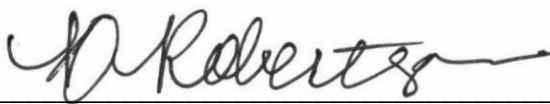
At 8:10 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 177, SB 299, SB 1583. Public testimony was heard on the bills. 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.

There being no further business, at 9:23 PM Senator Perry 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