

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

8:30 AM

Senate Chamber

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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 Wednesday, March 29, 2023, in the Senate Chamber.

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**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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry  
Senator Borris Miles

At 8:36 AM Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 26 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst 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 Kolkhorst moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 26 do not pass but that CSSB 26 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 Perry and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 26.

At 8:41 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 52.

Senator Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 52 do not pass but that CSSB 52 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 Perry and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 52.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 426.

Senator Hancock moved that SB 426 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 Perry and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 426.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 576.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hughes 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 576 do not pass but that CSSB 576 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 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 614.

Senator Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 614 do not pass but that CSSB 614 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 Perry and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 614. 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 1583.

Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 1583 do not pass but that CSSB 1583 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 2 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Perry submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1583, and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on CSSB 1583.

The chair laid out SB 989 and recognized the author, Senator Huffman, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Huffman 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 989.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 989 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:02 AM Senator Hall assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1040 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst 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 1040.(See attached witness list).

Senator Hall moved that SB 1040 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:32 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:33 AM Senator Hall moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 4:32 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1249 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hancock 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 1249.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1249 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1429 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1429 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1140 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1140 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1286 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1286 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1966 and recognized the author, Senator Alvarado, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1966.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1966 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 773 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 773 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1003 and recognized the author, Senator Johnson, to explain the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1003 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:13 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 829 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles 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 829.(See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 829 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1849 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles 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 1849.(See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 1849 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 5:44 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1469 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1469.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1469 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1581 and recognized the author, Senator Bettencourt, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Bettencourt 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 1581.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1581 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 664 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Miles sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry 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 664.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 664 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 812 and recognized Senator Miles, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Miles 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 812.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 812 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 867 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 867 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 587 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the author, 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 587 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 6:26 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1588 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1588.(See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 1588 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 956 and recognized the author, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry moved that SB 956 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 587, SB 773, SB 829, SB 1040, SB 1849. 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 7:10 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 664, SB 812, SB 867, SB 956, SB 989, SB 1003, SB 1140, SB 1249, SB 1286, SB 1429, SB 1581, SB 1469, SB 1588, SB 1966. 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 8:00 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 829.

Senator Hall moved that SB 829 do not pass but that CSSB 829 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 829. 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 as a matter of pending business SB 1040.

Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 1040 do not pass but that CSSB 1040 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1040.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1849.

Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 1849 do not pass but that CSSB 1849 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1849.

At 8:03 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 812.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 812 do not pass but that CSSB 812 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 812.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 989.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 989 do not pass but that CSSB 989 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 989.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1249.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1249 do not pass but that CSSB 1249 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1249. 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 1003.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 1003 do not pass but that CSSB 1003 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1003. 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 1588.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1588 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1588. Senator Blanco moved that the bill be

recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

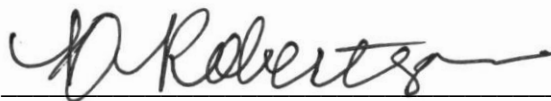
The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 956.

Senator Perry moved that SB 956 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 Hancock and Senator Miles submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 956.

There being no further business, at 8:10 PM Senator LaMantia moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lois Kolkhorst", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly Robertson", written over a horizontal line.

Kimberly Robertson, Clerk