

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

8:30 AM or upon adjournment/recess

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, April 12, 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 9:17 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry
Senator César Blanco
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Kevin Sparks

The chair laid out SB 2476 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

Senator LaMantia 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 2476.(See attached witness list). Senator Kolkhorst moved to withdraw the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2476 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2527 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator LaMantia sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Kolkhorst moved to withdraw the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2527 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1903 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1903.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1903 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1341 and recognized Senator Menéndez, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1341.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1341 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1379 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

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

At 9:56 AM Senator Blanco assumed the chair.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1379.(See attached witness list).

Senator Blanco moved that SB 1379 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2468 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, to explain the bill.

Senator LaMantia sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt 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 2468.(See attached witness list).

Senator Blanco moved that SB 2468 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:13 AM Senator LaMantia moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:52 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out SB 1193 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner 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 1193.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1193 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1135 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1135.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1135 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1327 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator LaMantia sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco 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 1327.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1327 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2256 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 2256.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2256 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2474 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 2474.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2474 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 2193 and recognized the author, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator LaMantia 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 2193.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2193 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1467 and recognized the author, Senator Hancock, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes 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 1467.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1467 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 186 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 186.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 186 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 189 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 189.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 189 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1447 and recognized the author, Senator Miles, to explain the bill.

Senator Hughes 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 1447.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1447 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 861 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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. The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 861.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 861 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1298 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1298.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1298 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1781 and recognized the author, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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. The Chair called the following invited and resource witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1781.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1781 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 389 and recognized the author, Senator Hall, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following resource witness to provide testimony on SB 389.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 389 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 161 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 161.(See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 161 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1677 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 1677 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:09 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 820 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 820.(See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 820 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 945 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The Chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 945.(See attached witness list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 945 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1698 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1698 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 7:24 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 1447, SB 1298. 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 2527.

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 Kolkhorst moved to withdraw the committee substitute.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 2527 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 2474, SB 186, SB 189, SB 1135, SB 2476. 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1193.

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 Kolkhorst moved to withdraw the committee substitute.

At 8:11 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 945, SB 820, SB 1698. 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 8:22 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

As a matter of pending business, the Chair laid out the following bills: SB 861, SB 1781, SB 2468, SB 1677, SB 1467, SB 1341, SB 1903, SB 389, SB 1327, SB 1379, SB 161, SB 2256, SB 2193. 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 622.

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 Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 622 do not pass but that CSSB 622 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 622. 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 135.

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 Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 135 do not pass but that CSSB 135 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 135.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 187.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 187 do not pass but that CSSB 187 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 187. 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 188.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 188 do not pass but that CSSB 188 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 188. 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 265.

Senator Perry moved to withdraw the committee substitute considered at the March 22, 2023 hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Perry to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 265 do not pass but that CSSB 265 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 265. 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 1031.

Senator Hancock moved to withdraw the committee substitute considered at the March 22, 2023 hearing; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock sent up a new committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hall to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

Senator Hall moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hall moved that SB 1031 do not pass but that CSSB 1031 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on CSSB 1031.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1343.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1343 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1343. 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 1469.

Senator Perry moved that SB 1469 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1469. 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 2381.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 2381 do not pass but that CSSB 2381 be reported back to

the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 6 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 0 absent. Senator Miles and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting nay on CSSB 2381. The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 161.

Senator Perry moved that SB 161 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 161. 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 186.

Senator Perry moved that SB 186 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 186. 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 189.

Senator Perry moved that SB 189 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 189. 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 861.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that SB 861 do not pass but that CSSB 861 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 861. Senator Perry

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

At 8:56 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 820.

Senator Hancock moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hancock moved that SB 820 do not pass but that CSSB 820 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 820. 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 1698.

Senator Hancock moved that SB 1698 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on SB 1698.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1024.

Senator Hughes 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 Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that SB 1024 do not pass but that CSSB 1024 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 2 absent. Senator Hughes moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

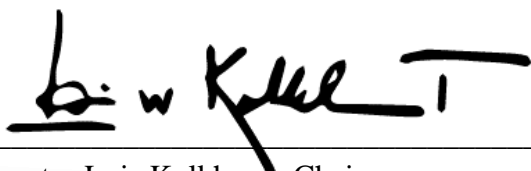
The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1629.

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 1629 do not pass but that CSSB 1629 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 and Senator LaMantia submitted a motion in writing requesting to be shown voting aye on CSSB 1629.

At 9:13 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

There being no further business, at 9:14 PM Senator Kolkhorst 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