

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

8:00 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, May 10, 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 8:04 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 Bryan Hughes  
Senator Morgan LaMantia  
Senator Borris Miles  
Senator Kevin Sparks

The chair laid out HB 1290 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Pete Flores, to explain 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 that HB 1290 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1236 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Schwertner to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 1236 (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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 1236 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1647 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 1647 (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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 1647 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 916 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 916 (See attached witness list). 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 that HB 916 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2059 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Zaffirini, to explain 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 that HB 2059 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1527 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 1527 (See attached witness list). 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 that HB 1527 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1337 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Menéndez, to explain the bill.

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 that HB 1337 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 44 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 44 (See attached witness list). Public testimony was heard. 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 that HB 44 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2802 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 44 (See attached witness list). 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 that HB 2802 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4166 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 4166 (See attached witness list). 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 that HB 4166 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4331 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 4331 (See attached witness list). 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 that HB 4331 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4332 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 4332 (See attached witness list). 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 that HB 4332 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 63 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 63 (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 Kolkhorst moved that HB 63 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:06 AM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 25 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on HB 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 HB 25 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 711 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

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 HB 711 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered. .

The chair laid out HB 730 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hughes, to explain the bill.

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 10:44 AM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 730 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:47 AM Senator Hughes moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



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Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair



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Kimberly Robertson, Clerk