

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
8:30 AM or upon adjournment
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, May 17, 2023, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Kelly Hancock

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:39 AM. There being a quorum present at 10:29 AM, the following business was transacted:

The chair laid out HB 4758 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Springer, 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 4758 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3144 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, 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 3144 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3466 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Hall sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Campbell to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 3466 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3359 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, 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 3359 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2658 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Middleton, 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 2658 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 687 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, 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 687 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1287 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill.

Senator Blanco sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Blanco to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 1287 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 148 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, 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 148 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 299 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, 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 299 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1673 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Nathan Johnson, 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 1673 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3808 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 3808 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 10:47 AM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 8:14 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out HB 2478 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, 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 Blanco moved that HB 2478 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 113 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, 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 113 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2873 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, 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 Blanco moved that HB 2873 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3942 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Blanco, 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 3942 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3130 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 3130 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4233 and recognized Senator Blanco, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 4233 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 181 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, 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 181 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1743 and recognized Senator Miles, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 1743 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2727 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. 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 2727 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4415 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bill are shown on the attached list.

Public testimony was heard on the bill. The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 4415 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1229 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 1229 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1592 and recognized Senator Perry, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, 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 1592 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 468 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill.

Senator LaMantia sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator LaMantia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 468 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3550 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator LaMantia, to explain the bill.

Senator LaMantia sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator LaMantia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 3550 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3456 and recognized Senator LaMantia, in the absence of the Senate sponsor, to explain the bill.

Senator LaMantia sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator LaMantia to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 3456 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1879 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Sparks to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. 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 1879 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 4169 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, 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 4169 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:43 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 248 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Perry moved that HB 248 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1771 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Kolkhorst, 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 Perry moved that HB 1771 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1898 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 1898 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1972 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 house bill as engrossed. 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 1972 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 968.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 968 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

At 9:58 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 44.

Senator Sparks sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Middleton to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the house bill as engrossed. Senator Sparks moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Sparks moved that HB 44 do not pass but that CSHB 44 be reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 999.

Senator Perry moved that HB 999 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. 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 HB 1337.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1337 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. 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 HB 1283 in lieu thereof SB 1113.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1283 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 HB 3286.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3286 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 HB 1009.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1009 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. 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 HB 3265.

Senator Miles moved that HB 3265 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4170.

Senator Perry moved that HB 4170 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4696.

Senator Miles moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Miles moved that HB 4696 do not pass but that CSHB 4696 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Miles 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 HB 4500.

Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Hughes moved that HB 4500 do not pass but that CSHB 4500 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 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 HB 4888.

Senator Perry moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered. Senator Perry moved that HB 4888 do not pass but that CSHB 4888 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, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. 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 HB 1229.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1229 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 5 ayes, 3 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4415.

Senator Perry moved that HB 4415 be reported favorably to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed. The motion carried with a record vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 present not voting, and 1 absent. Senator Perry moved that the bill be recommended for placement on the Local & Uncontested Calendar; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:17 PM Senator Perry moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.



Senator Lois Kolhorst, Chair



Kimberly Robertson, Clerk