

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, September 19, 2024

8:30 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.012

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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 Thursday, September 19, 2024, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.012, at Austin, Texas.

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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 Kevin Sparks

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Borris Miles

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:35 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 Morgan LaMantia, and Senator Bryan Hughes.

The Chair laid out the following interim Committee charges:

- **Monitoring:** Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services passed by the 88th Legislature, as well as relevant agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction. Specifically, make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, or complete implementation of the following:

- **Senate Bill 7**, Third Called Special Session, relating to prohibiting a private employer from adopting or enforcing certain COVID-19 vaccine mandates; authorizing an administrative penalty;

The following individuals provided invited testimony (see attached witness list).

The following individuals provided public testimony (see attached witness list).

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

- **Senate Bill 24**, relating to the powers and duties of the Health and Human Services Commission and the transfer to the commission of certain powers and duties from the Department of Family and Protective Services.

The following individuals provided invited testimony (see attached witness list).

The following individuals provided public testimony (see attached witness list).

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

- **Senate Bill 26**, relating to local mental health authority and local behavioral health authority audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services, and programs.

The following individuals provided invited testimony (see attached witness list).

The following individuals provided public testimony (see attached witness list).

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

- **Senate Bill 1849**, relating to an interagency reportable conduct search engine, standards for a person's removal from the employee misconduct registry and eligibility for certification as certain Texas Juvenile Justice Department officers and employees, and the use of certain information by certain state agencies to conduct background checks.

The following individuals provided invited testimony (see attached witness list).

The following individuals provided public testimony (see attached witness list).

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

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There being no further business, at 12:56 PM Senator Perry 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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Ryan Heare, Clerk