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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

1:30 PM 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 Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair
Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
Senator Molly Cook
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Kevin Sparks

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:40 PM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Hall
Senator Blanco

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 457 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 457 (See attached list).

Senator Perry moved that SB 457 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 599 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill. Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator West 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.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 599 (See attached list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 599 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 921 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 921 (See attached list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 921 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hancock assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 541 and recognized the author, Senator Kolkhorst, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 541 (See attached list).

Senator Hancock moved that SB 541 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 1084 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1084 (See attached list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1084 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1038 and recognized the author, Senator Sparks, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1038 (See attached list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1038 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 379 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 379 (See attached list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 379 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1461 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1461 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out SB 896 and recognized Senator Cook, in the absence of the author, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Cook to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Perry moved that the committee substitute be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out the following bills: SB 457, SB 541.

Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list. Senator Perry moved that the bills be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

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As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out the following bills: SB 379, CSSB 599, SB 1084, SB 1461. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the bills be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business CSSB 896 and recognized the author, Senator Blanco, to explain the bill. Senator Cook moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

As a matter of pending business, the chair laid out the following bills: CSSB 896, SB 921, SB 1038. Witnesses testifying and registering on the bills are shown on the attached list. Senator Kolkhorst moved that the bills be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 6:15 PM Senator Blanco moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair

Sally Buck, Clerk