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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

8:00 AM

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 9, 2025, 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 Borris Miles
Senator Kevin Sparks

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Bryan Hughes

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. There being a quorum established at 8:06 AM, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator Charles Perry
Senator Molly Cook
Senator Hall
Senator Kevin Sparks
Senator Borris Miles

The chair laid out SB 2069 and recognized the author, Senator Zaffirini, to explain the bill.

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

Kolkhorst moved that the committee substitute be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 SB 2069 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 463 and recognized the author, Senator Campbell, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock 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 that the committee substitute be left pending to await a quorum; without objection, it was so ordered.

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 SB 463 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1380 and recognized the author, Senator Paxton, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Paxton 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.

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 CSSB 1380 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1283 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Hancock 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 Kolkhorst moved that the committee substitute be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1283 (See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1283 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1784 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1784 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 527 and recognized the author, Senator Schwertner, to explain the bill.

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 527 (See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 527 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 407 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

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

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 407 (See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 407 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1383 and recognized the author, Senator Middleton, to explain the bill.

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

The chair called the following invited witnesses to provide testimony on SB 1383 (See attached witness list).

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1383 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 547 and recognized the author, Senator Menéndez, 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 SB 547 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1511 and recognized the author, Senator Hinojosa, Adam, to explain the bill.

Senator Perry sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Hinojosa, Adam, to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed.

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 the committee substitute be withdrawn and SB 1511 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1640 and recognized the author, Senator Hagenbuch, to explain the bill.

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

No witnesses registered or testified on the bill.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that SB 1640 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 227 and recognized the author, Senator West, to explain the bill.

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

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 the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that CSSB 227 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 269 and recognized the author, Senator Perry, 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 SB 269 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 407.

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 SB 407 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 10:45 AM Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed until after adjournment of the Senate. Without objection, it was so ordered.

At 3:30 PM Senator Kolkhorst reconvened the meeting.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 527.

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 SB 527 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1283.

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 SB 1283 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business SB 1383.

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 SB 1383 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out SB 1784 and recognized the author, Senator Parker, to explain the bill.

No witnesses registered to testify on the bill.

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

There being no further business, at 3:49 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

Sally Buck, Clerk