

## **MINUTES**

### **SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

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 14, 2025, in the Senate Chamber.

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#### **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

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The chair called the meeting to order at 8:07 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 Borris Miles

The chair laid out HB 4655 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator West, 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 4655 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 923 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 923 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 694 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Molly Cook, 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 694 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 5342 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 5342 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 3211 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 3211 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1639 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Alvarado, 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 1639 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2516 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Schwertner, 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 2516 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 742 and recognized the Senator Perry in the absence of the Senate sponsor 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.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 742 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2187 and recognized the Senate sponsor, 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 HB 2187 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 107 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Miles, 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.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 107 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2402 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 2402 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Perry assumed the chair.

The chair laid out HB 4529 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Hancock, 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.

Senator Perry moved that HB 4529 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 1700 and recognized the Senate sponsor, Senator Sparks, 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.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1700 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out HB 2071 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 2071 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 1612.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 1612 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3597.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 3597 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4224.

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 4224 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4273.

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

Senator Kolkhorst moved that HB 4273 do not pass but that CSHB 4273 be reported back 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.

Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 138.

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

Senator Perry moved that HB 138 do not pass but that CSHB 138 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 754.

Senator Perry moved that HB 754 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 1314.

Senator Perry moved that HB 1314 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 2254.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2254 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 2789.

Senator Perry moved that HB 2789 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 3560.

Senator Perry moved that HB 3560 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.

The chair laid out as a matter of pending business HB 4643.

Senator Perry moved that HB 4643 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 4783.

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

Senator Perry moved that HB 4783 do not pass but that CSHB 4783 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 SB 719 and recognized the author, Senator Eckhardt, to explain the bill.

Senator Cook sent up a committee substitute. The chair recognized Senator Eckhardt to explain the difference between the committee substitute and the senate bill as filed. Senator Cook moved the adoption of the committee substitute; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Cook moved that SB 719 do not pass but that CSSB 719 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.

There being no further business, at 10:34 AM 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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Sally Buck, Clerk