



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Economic Development

### Minutes for January 31, 2024, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Economic Development met on January 31, 2024, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Jeffries, Martin, Hamilton, Hunt, Nelson, Oliverio, Phillips, Plymale, Queen, Roberts, Stover, Stuart, Swope, Tarr

Members absent: Senators Chapman

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Martin, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### **SB 543 – Relating to research and economic development agreements for state institutions of higher Education.**

Chair Jeffries recognized counsel, Jay Lazell, to explain the bill in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained. Vice Chair Martin moved the bill be reported with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

#### **S. B. 544 - Raising threshold for bid requirement of municipal public works projects.**

Chair Jeffries recognized counsel, Jay Lazell, to explain the bill and the proposed committee substitute, in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute. During the discussion phase, Senators Swope and Stuart spoke to the bill. Vice Chair Martin moved the committee substitute be reported, with the recommendation that it do pass. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

#### **S. B. 571 - Creating WV Corridor H Advanced Energy and Economic Corridor Authority.**

Chair Jeffries recognized counsel, Jay Lazell, to explain the bill and the proposed committee substitute, in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute. During the discussion phase, Senators Swope, Hamilton and Plymale spoke to the bill. Vice Chair Martin moved the committee substitute be reported, with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the committee on Finance. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

On Motion of Senator Martin the committee adjourned.



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Glenn D. Jeffries

Chair



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Clerk