



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 14, 2023, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 14, 2023, 1:00 PM in Room M451.

Members present: Senators Maroney, Takubo, Azinger, Chapman, Deeds, Grady, Hamilton, Hunt, Jeffries, Plymale, Roberts, Rucker, Tarr, Weld

Members absent: None

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

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

SB526 - Including Alzheimer's disease in existing public health programs

Chairman Maroney recognized Parker Zopp, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 526 and the committee substitute. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Takubo, who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 526 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation as to passage. The motion carried.

SB605 - Requiring state medical examiner to enter into contracts with procurement organization

Chairman Maroney recognized Parker Zopp, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 605. Counsel answered questions from the Committee. With leave of the Committee, TJ Roser with CORE was recognized by Senator Maroney and given the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Rosier answered questions from the Committee. Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Takubo, who moved that Senate Bill 605 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation as to passage. The motion carried.

HB3164 - To extend the termination date of the West Virginia Advisory Council on Rare Diseases due to a delay in beginning its duties

Chairman Maroney recognized Parker Zopp, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 3164. Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Takubo, who moved that House Bill 3164 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation as to passage. The motion carried.

HB2845 - Relating to removing expired provisions from the code

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 2845. Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Takubo, who moved that House Bill 2845 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation as to passage. The motion carried.

Originating Resolution 1

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained the Originating Resolution. Counsel answered questions from the Committee. Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chairman Takubo, who moved that the Originating Resolution be reported to the full Senate with recommendation as to passage.

Chairman Maroney announced that Senate Bill 476 would be removed from the agenda.

SB521 - Improving patient safety in medical cannabis program

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 521 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the Committee. With leave of the Committee, Chairman Maroney recognized Ben Kimbro, Senior Director of Public Affairs with Trulieve. Mr. Kimbro answered questions from the Committee. Chairman Maroney recognized Kurt Dettinger with Steptoe and Johnson, who was administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Dettinger answered questions from the Committee. With leave of the Committee, Senator Maroney recognized Jason Frame, Office of Medical Cannabis, DHHR, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rules 28a. Mr. Frame answered questions from the Committee. Vice-Chairman Takubo moved to recess until 15 minutes following the conclusion of the scheduled Judiciary Committee meeting. The motion carried.

At 3:56pm, the Senate Health and Human Resources Committee returned to the consideration of Senate Bill 521.

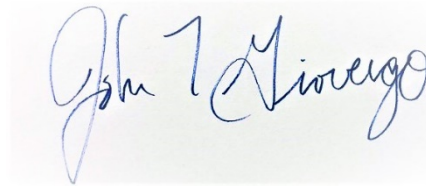
With leave of the Committee, Jason Frame returned to the podium and answered questions from the Committee.

Senator Tarr moved to amend the proposed committee substitute by striking page 2, lines 18-20, and the words "as appropriate" on page 3, line 4, while restoring the language that has been struck on page 3, lines 8-9 and lines 16-18.

Without objection, Chairman Maroney adjourned the Committee.



Michael J. Maroney
Chair



John T. Giovengo
Committee Clerk