



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 01, 2024, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 01, 2024, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Azinger, Hamilton, Plymale

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.

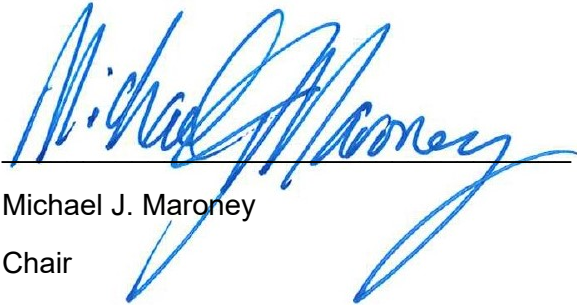
Chairman Maroney recognized Ryan Vick, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 444 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the Committee and discussion followed. Senator Rucker yielded to the Chairman for questions. With leave of Committee, Chairman Maroney recognized Dr. Sherri Young, Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Health, who answered questions from the Committee. Counsel continued to answer questions from the Committee. With leave of Committee, Chairman Maroney recognized Jody Ratliff, Director for the Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Ratliff answered questions from the Committee. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Chairman Maroney recognized Vice-Chair Takubo, who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 444 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion carried.

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 4595 and the strike and insert amendment. The committee amendment was moved and by voice vote, adopted. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that House Bill 4595 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, as amended, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on The Judiciary. The motion carried.

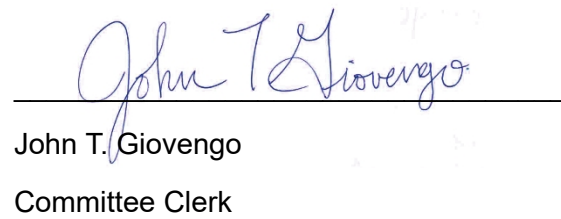
Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 453 and the committee substitute. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that the Committee Substitute for

Senate Bill 453 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, but with further recommendation that the bill be reported to the Committee on Finance. The motion carried.

On Motion of Senator Takubo the committee adjourned.



Michael J. Maroney
Chair



John T. Giovengo
Committee Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 1st day of February, 2024, in
the Senate Committee on Health + Human Resources.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

Jody Ratliff

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Mike Maroney

Print Member Name

Sign Member Name