



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 15, 2024, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 15, 2024, 1:03 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Plymale, Tarr

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 announced that Senate Bill 528 was pulled from the agenda with the intention on the bill returning at a future date.

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 533 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the committee. Senator Deeds requested that Jody Ratliff address the committee. With leave of committee, Chairman Maroney recognized Jody Ratliff, Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS), Department of Health, 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. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 533 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Chairman Maroney recognized Ryan Vick, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 667 and the committee substitute. Vice-Chair Takubo requested that a representative from one of the medical boards address the committee. With leave of committee, Chairman Maroney recognized Mark Spangler, Executive Director, West Virginia Board of Medicine. Mr. Spangler answered questions from the committee. With leave of committee, Chairman Maroney recognized Jonathan Osborne, Executive Director, West Virginia Board of Osteopathic Medicine, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Osborne answered questions from the committee. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 667 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Chairman Maroney recognized Ryan Vick, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 779. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that Senate Bill 779 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

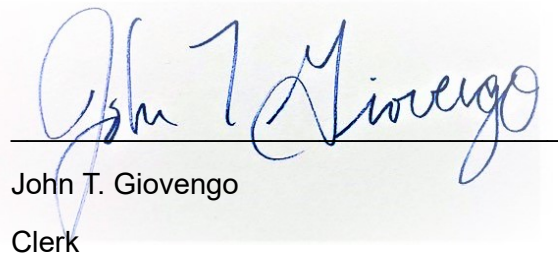
Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 785 and the committee substitute. Vice-Chair Takubo requested that the Foster Care Ombudsman address the committee. With leave of committee, Chairman Maroney recognized Pamela Woodman-Kaehler and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Woodman-Kaehler answered questions from the committee. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 785 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

On Motion of Senator Takubo the committee adjourned.



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Michael J. Maroney  
Chair



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John T. Giovengo  
Clerk

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Testimony taken this 15<sup>th</sup> 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."

Jonathan Osborne

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Mike Maroney

Print Member Name

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Sign Member Name

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Jody Ratliff

Print Witness Name

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Oath was administered by:

Mike Manney

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