



## West Virginia Senate

### Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 27, 2024, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 27, 2024, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators 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 recognized Ryan Vick, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 4376 and the committee amendment. The amendment was moved and agreed to by voice vote. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that House Bill 4376 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. The motion carried. The title amendment was moved and adopted.

Chairman Maroney recognized Ryan Vick, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 4431 and the committee amendment. Vice-Chair Takubo requested that an individual from the Chief Medical Examiner's Office address the committee. With leave of committee, Chairman Maroney recognized Matt Izzo, Chief Administrator, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Izzo answered questions from the committee. The amendment was moved and agreed to by voice vote. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that House Bill 4431 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. The motion carried. The title amendment was moved and adopted.

Chairman Maroney recognized Ryan Vick, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 5175. Counsel answered questions from the committee. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that House Bill 5175 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 5347 and the committee amendment. The amendment was moved and agreed to by voice vote. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that House Bill 5347 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended. The motion carried. The title amendment was moved and adopted.


Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 5248 and the committee amendment. Counsel answered questions from the committee. Senator Rucker requested that someone from the Office of the Inspector General address the committee. With leave of committee, Chairman Maroney recognized Jessica Whitmore, General Counsel, Office of Inspector General, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Whitmore answered questions from the committee. Vice-Chair Takubo requested that someone representing behavioral health address the committee. The amendment was moved and agreed to by voice vote. Vice-Chair Takubo moved that House Bill 5248 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. 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 27<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."

Matt Izzo

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Nike Maroney

Print Member Name

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Sign Member Name

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"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be  
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God."

Jessica Whitmore

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Mike Manney

Print Member Name

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Sign Member Name