



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 13, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 13, 2025, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Chapman, Deeds, Azinger, Bartlett, Grady, Martin, Maynard, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Takubo, Taylor, Willis, Garcia

Members absent: Senator Stuart

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

Senator Deeds moved that the rules of the Senate be adopted to govern the Committee in its deliberations. The motion carried. Senator Deeds moved that the Chair be authorized to set an agenda of items to be considered by the Committee. The motion carried. Senator Deeds moved that the staff be authorized to, as needed, make any technical corrections to the bills, resolutions and drafts which may be brought before the committee. The motion carried. Senator Deeds moved that counsel be authorized to incorporate all bills, or resolutions, as well as any necessary technical changes, into a committee substitute for the bill, or resolution, after the bill, or resolution, has been presented to the Committee and the Committee has voted to report the bill, or resolution, and to report it in lieu of the bill, or resolution. The motion carried. Senator Deeds moved that all witnesses appearing before the Committee, with the exception of Senate staff and elected officials, be administered the oath authorized by Senate Rule 28a. The motion carried.

Senator Chapman recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 460 and the Committee Substitute.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized Dr. Matthew Thomas, WVU Medicine, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Dr. Thomas delivered a presentation to the Committee and answered questions.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized Dr. Jennifer Gerlach and Dr. Jacob Kilgore, Marshall Health, and administered the oaths pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Dr. Gerlach and Dr. Kilgore delivered a presentation to the Committee and answered questions.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized John and Hallie Davis, and administered the oaths pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. John and Hallie delivered a presentation to the Committee and answered questions.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized Aaron Siri, Managing Partner, Siri & Glimstad, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Siri delivered a presentation to the Committee and answered questions.

Senator Chapman announced that, in the interest of time, Senate Health and Human Resources would meet 15 minutes following Senate Committee on the Judiciary or Senate Committee on Finance, whichever ends later.

Senator Chapman recognized Senator Takubo, who moved to amend the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 460. Counsel understood the amendment. Roll call was demanded, and the demand was sustained. A roll call being taken, the amendment failed with 3 YEAs and 12 NAYs.

Senator Chapman recognized Senator Takubo, who moved to amend the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 460. Counsel understood the amendment. Roll call was demanded, and the demand was sustained. A roll call being taken, the amendment failed with 5 YEAs and 10 NAYs.

Senator Chapman announced that Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources would recess until 15 minutes following the conclusion of Senate Committee on the Judiciary or Senate Committee on Finance, whichever is later.

Senator Chapman called the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources back to order at 4:47pm.

Senator Chapman recognized Senator Garcia, who moved to amend the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 460. Counsel understood the amendment. Roll call was demanded, and the demand was sustained. A roll call being taken, the amendment failed with 3 YEAs and 12 NAYs.

The language of the Committee Substitute was agreed to. Senator Chapman recognized Senator Deeds, who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 460 be reported to the full Senate, with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Senator Chapman recognized Jenna Fonner, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 29 and the Committee Substitute. Counsel answered questions from the Committee. The language of the Committee Substitute was agreed to. Senator Chapman recognized Senator Deeds, who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 29 be reported to the full Senate, with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

On Motion of Senator Deeds the committee adjourned.



Senator Laura Wakim Chapman
Chair



John T. Giovengo
Committee Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 13th day of February, 2025, 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."

Matthew Thomas
Print Witness Name

[Signature]
Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Laura Chapman
Print Member Name

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."

John Davis

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Laura Chapman

Print Member Name

Sign Member Name

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Hallie Davis

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Laura Chapman

Print Member Name

Sign Member Name

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Jennifer Gerlach

Print Witness Name

Jennifer Gerlach

Sign Witness Name

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Laura Chapman

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Sign Member Name

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Jacob Kilgore

Print Witness Name



Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Laura Chapman

Print Member Name

Sign Member Name

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Remote/Virtual Testimony

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

Aaron Siri

Print Witness Name

[Handwritten Signature]

Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Laura Chapman

Print Member Name

Sign Member Name

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

DATE 2/13/25 TIME 1:20pm

QUESTION Takubo Amendment #1 SB460

ATTENDANCE

ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	YEA	NAY
Senator Azinger	✓			✓
Senator Bartlett	✓			✓
Senator Garcia	✓		✓	
Senator Grady	✓			✓
Senator Deeds	✓			✓
Senator Martin	✓			✓
Senator Maynard	✓			✓
Senator Queen	✓		✓	
Senator Roberts	✓			✓
Senator Rose	✓			✓
Senator Rucker	✓			✓
Senator Stuart		✓		
Senator Takubo	✓		✓	
Senator Taylor	✓			✓
Senator Willis	✓			✓
Madam Chair, Senator Chapman	✓			✓
Totals			3	12

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

DATE 2/13/25

TIME 1:00pm

QUESTION Takubo Amendment #2 SB460

ATTENDANCE

ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	YEA	NAY
Senator Azinger	✓			✓
Senator Bartlett	✓			✓
Senator Garcia	✓		✓	
Senator Grady	✓		✓	
Senator Deeds	✓		✓	
Senator Martin	✓			✓
Senator Maynard	✓			✓
Senator Queen	✓		✓	
Senator Roberts	✓			✓
Senator Rose	✓			✓
Senator Rucker	✓			✓
Senator Stuart		✓		
Senator Takubo	✓		✓	
Senator Taylor	✓			✓
Senator Willis	✓			✓
Madam Chair, Senator Chapman	✓			✓
Totals	✓		5	10

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

DATE 2/13/25

TIME 4:47pm

QUESTION Garcia Amendment #1 SB460

ATTENDANCE

ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	YEA	NAY
Senator Azinger	✓			✓
Senator Bartlett	✓			✓
Senator Garcia	✓		✓	
Senator Grady	✓			✓
Senator Deeds	✓			✓
Senator Martin	✓			✓
Senator Maynard	✓			✓
Senator Queen	✓		✓	
Senator Roberts	✓			✓
Senator Rose	✓			✓
Senator Rucker	✓			✓
Senator Stuart		✓		
Senator Takubo	✓		✓	
Senator Taylor	✓			✓
Senator Willis	✓			✓
Madam Chair, Senator Chapman	✓			✓
Totals			3	12