



## **West Virginia Senate**

### **Committee on Health and Human Resources**

#### **Minutes for February 18, 2025, 1:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 18, 2025, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Azinger, Queen, Takubo

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

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

Senator Chapman recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 299 and answered questions from the Committee.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized Chantel Weisenmuller and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Weisenmuller delivered a presentation to the Committee and answered questions.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized Christina Jackson and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Jackson delivered a presentation to the Committee and answered questions.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized Simon Amaya Price and Matt Sharp, and administered the oath to both pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Price and Mr. Sharp delivered a presentation to the Committee.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized Jamie Reed and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Reed delivered a presentation to the Committee.

Senator Chapman recognized Senator Garcia, who moved to amend Senate Bill 299. Counsel understood the amendment. By voice vote, the amendment failed.

Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 299 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 The Judiciary. The motion passed.

Senator Chapman recognized Jenna Fonner, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 8 and the Committee Substitute. Ms. Fonner answered questions from the Committee.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized Karen Trueblood, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Trueblood delivered a presentation to the Committee. The language of the Committee Substitute was agreed to.

Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 8 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion passed.

Senator Chapman recognized Jenna Fonner, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 286 and the Committee Substitute. Ms. Fonner answered questions from the Committee.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized Annemarie Swamy and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Swamy delivered a presentation to the Committee and answered questions. The language of the Committee Substitute was agreed to.

Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 286 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on The Judiciary. The motion passed.

Senator Chapman recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 28 and the Committee Substitute. Ms. Dellinger answered questions from the Committee.

With leave of Committee, Senator Chapman recognized Deandrea Newsome and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Newsome delivered a presentation to the Committee and answered questions. The language of the Committee Substitute was agreed to.

Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 28 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.

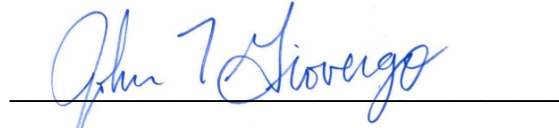
Senator Chapman recognized Jenna Fonner, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 173 and the Committee Substitute. The language of the Committee Substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 173 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. The motion passed.

On Motion of Senator Deeds the committee adjourned.



Senator Laura Wakim Chapman

Chair



John T. Giovengo

Committee Clerk



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Remote/Virtual Testimony

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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."

Simon Amaya Price

Print Witness Name

[Handwritten Signature]

Testimony Attested to by Committee  
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Laura Chapman

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Jamie Reed

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John L. Livengood

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Matt Sharp

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John Z. Hovengo

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Chontel Weisenmuller PhD

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Christina Jackson

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Deandra Newsome

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John Diavolo

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Annemarie Swamy

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[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Lara Chapman

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Karen Trueblood

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John Swingo

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Laura Waverly Chapman

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