



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for March 20, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on March 20, 2025, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Azinger, Bartlett, Willis

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 817 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the committee.

With leave of committee, Senator Chapman recognized Sarah Riley and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Riley delivered testimony to the Committee.

With leave of committee, Senator Chapman recognized Caroline Cole and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Cole delivered testimony to the Committee.

The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 817 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 carried.

Senator Chapman recognized Deb Harris, Manager, Jobs and Hope West Virginia, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Harris delivered a presentation to the Committee and answered questions.

Senator Chapman recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 718 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the Committee.

With leave of committee, Senator Chapman recognized Jim Kaufman and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Kaufman delivered testimony to the Committee and answered questions.

With leave of committee, Senator Chapman recognized Josh Archambault and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Archambault delivered testimony to the Committee and answered questions.

Senator Chapman recognized Senator Rucker, who offered a conceptual amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted.

With leave of committee, Senator Chapman recognized Erin Hunter and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Hunter answered questions from the Committee.

The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 718 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 House Bill 2402 and the committee amendment. Counsel answered questions from the Committee.


With leave of committee, Senator Chapman recognized John Frohna and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Dr. Frohna delivered testimony to the Committee and answered questions. Senator Takubo offered a conceptual amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. By voice vote, the amendment failed.

On the question of the committee amendment, by voice vote, the amendment was adopted.

Senator Deeds moved that House Bill 2402 be reported to the full Senate, as amended, with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Senator Chapman announced that Senate Bill 811 would be pulled from the agenda.

On Motion of Senator Deeds the committee adjourned.



Laura Wakim Chapman

Chair



John T. Giovengo

Committee Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 20th day of March, 2025, in
the Senate Committee on Health + Human Resources.

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

Caroline Cole

Print Witness Name

John W. Livergo

Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

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Josh Archambault

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John George

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John Frohm

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Erin Hunter

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Erin K. Hunter

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Sarah Riley

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