



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for January 22, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on January 22, 2026, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Helton, Deeds, Azinger, Bartlett, Fuller, Maynard, Queen, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Takubo, Garcia

Members absent: Senators Grady, Martin, Taylor, 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 Helton announced that Senate Bill 432 would be pulled from the agenda.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 518. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 518 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 Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human resources, who explained Senate Bill 544 and the committee substitute. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 544 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 Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 524. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 524 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.

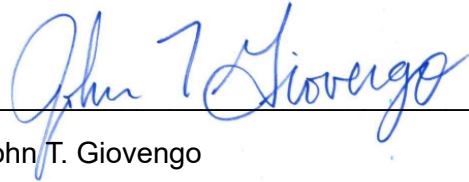
Senator Helton announced the creation of a Senate Health and Human Resources Subcommittee. Senator Helton appointed Senator Fuller as Chair of the Subcommittee and appointed Senator Garcia and Senator Bartlett as the other two members.

On Motion of Senator Deeds the committee adjourned.



Senator Brian Helton

Chair



John T. Giovengo

Committee Clerk