



## **West Virginia Senate**

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

#### **Minutes for January 27, 2026, 1:30 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on January 27, 2026, 1:30 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Rose, 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 recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 543. Counsel answered questions from the Committee. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 543 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.

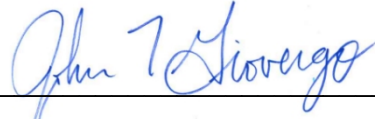
Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human resources, who explained Senate Bill 546. Counsel answered questions from the Committee. Senator Rucker offered a conceptual amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted. Senator Helton directed Counsel to incorporate the amendment into a committee substitute. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 546 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.

On Motion of Senator Deeds the committee adjourned.



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Senator Brian Helton  
Chair



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John T. Giovengo  
Committee Clerk