



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 05, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 05, 2026, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Martin, 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 589. Counsel answered questions from the committee.

Senator Helton recognized Craig Hettinger, Matthew Wharton, Brandi Farmer, Amber Blankenship, Jake Winkler, Carolyn Helton, Melissa Pimberton, Daniel Beas, and Mike Byrd. Each individual delivered a presentation to the committee.

Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 589 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 404. Counsel answered questions from the committee.

With leave of committee, Senator Garcia requested Curtis Capehert, Director of Policy at the Governor's Office, to address the committee. Senator Helton recognized Mr. Capehart, who answered questions from the committee.

Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 404 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 4335. Counsel answered questions from the committee.

Senator Helton recognized Chairman Worrell, House Health and Human Resources, who delivered a presentation to the committee.

Senator Deeds moved that House Bill 4335 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Senator Helton announced that Senate Bill 647 would be pulled from the agenda for the day.

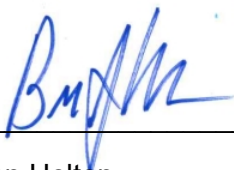
Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 645. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 645 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 4196 and the proposed committee amendment. Counsel answered questions from the committee.

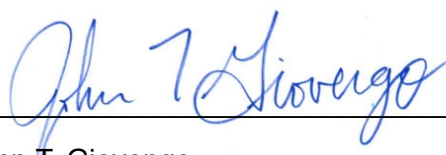
Senator Helton recognized Delegate Drennan who delivered a presentation to the committee and answered questions.

Senator Deeds moved the amendment. The amendment was adopted by voice vote. Senator Deeds moved that House Bill 4196 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, as amended. The motion carried.

On Motion of Senator Deeds the committee adjourned.



Senator Brian Helton



John T. Giovengo

Chair

Committee Clerk