



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 12, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 12, 2026, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Azinger, Martin, 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 House Bill 4982 and the committee amendment. Senator Deeds moved the amendment as explained by Counsel. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted. Senator Deeds moved that House Bill 4982 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, as amended. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 742. Counsel answered questions from the committee. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 742 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 741 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the committee. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Brandon Hatfield, Vice President and General Counsel of the WV Hospital Association, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Hatfield answered questions from the committee. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 741 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 650 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the committee. Senator Garcia requested Senator Queen to yield for questions. Senator Queen yielded. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Vikki Jones, CEO at Highland Clarksburg Hospital, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Jones 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 650 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.

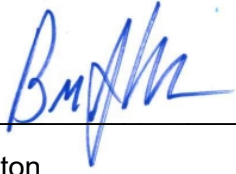
Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 766 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the committee. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Jane Marks, AARP, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Marks delivered presentation to the committee. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 766 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 130. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized VJ Mayor, CEO of Southern Association of Wholesale Distributors, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Mayor delivered a presentation to the committee. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Kurt Dettinger and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Dettinger delivered a presentation to the committee. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 130 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 114 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the committee. Senator Helton announced that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 144 would be sent to a subcommittee. Senator Helton named Senator Garcia as the Chairman of the subcommittee, with Senators Queen and Bartlett as additional members.

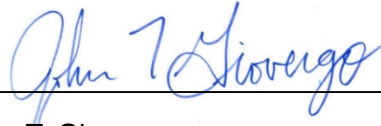
Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 398 and the committee substitute. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 398 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

On Motion of Senator Deeds the committee adjourned.



Brian Helton

Chair



John T. Giovengo

Committee Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 12th day of February, 2026, in
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."

Brandon Hatfield

Print Witness Name

X [Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Brian Helton

Print Member Name

Sign Member Name

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

Victoria Jones

Print Witness Name

x Victoria L. Jones

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Brian Helton

Print Member Name

Sign Member Name

The State of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 17th day of February, 2026, in
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."

Jane Marks
Print Witness Name

x Jane Marks
Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Brian Helton
Print Member Name

Sign Member Name

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Remote/Virtual Testimony

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

VJ Mayor

Print Witness Name

[Handwritten Signature]

Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Brian Helton

Print Member Name

Sign Member Name