



## West Virginia Senate

### Committee on Health and Human Resources

#### Minutes for February 26, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 26, 2026, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Queen, 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 announced that Senate Bills 729, 993, and 972 would be pulled from the agenda.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained House Bill 4852. Counsel answered questions from the committee. Senator Rucker moved to amend the bill. Counsel understood the amendment. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted. Senator Deeds moved that House Bill 4852 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, as amended, 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 1000 and the committee substitute. Senator Rucker moved to amend the bill. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Art Thomm, representing MAG Industries, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Thomm delivered a presentation to the committee and answered questions. Senator Deeds requested Senator Rucker to yield for questions. Senator Rucker yielded. Counsel answered questions from the committee. By voice vote, the amendment failed. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1000 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 Senate Bill 4089. Senator Helton recognized Delegate Walter Hall,

who delivered a presentation to the committee. Senator Helton recognized Jessica Huffamn, who delivered a presentation to the committee. Senator Deeds moved that House Bill 4089 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 677. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 677 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Senator Garcia, who moved to receive the committee report for Senate Bill 114. The motion carried. Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 114 and the committee substitute. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 114 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 1012. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Stacey Shy, CEO of OVP, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Shy 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 1012 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 Senate Bill 956. Counsel answered questions from the committee. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 956 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

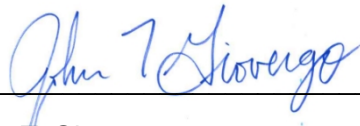
Senator Rucker moved that Senate Bill 151 be reported to the full Senate without recommendation as to passage. By voice vote, the motion carried.

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

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Testimony taken this 26<sup>th</sup> 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."

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Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Brian Helton

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Testimony taken this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, in  
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"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."

Stacey Shy  
Print Witness Name

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Oath was administered by:

Brian Helton  
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