



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Finance

Minutes for March 24, 2025, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Finance met on March 24, 2025, 9:00 AM, in the House Finance Committee Room 460-M.

Members present: Delegates Barnhart, Canterbury, Cooper, Criss, Dittman, Ellington, Fehrenbacher, Gearheart, Hall, Hite, Horst, Hott, Howell, Jeffries, Linville, Mazzocchi, Riley, Rohrbach, Statler, Worrell, Hornbuckle.

Members absent: Delegates Anderson B., Cannon, Toney, Williams.

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Riley, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### Markup and Passage

**Com Sub for H. B. 3142**, Allowing health benefit plan sponsors to communicate electronically with covered persons.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute HB 3142 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

**H. B. 3440**, Relating generally to removing and repealing obsolete provisions under the purview of the State Treasurer's Office.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute HB 3440 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

**H. B. 3111**, To provide pay increases to members of the judiciary.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute HB 3111 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

**HB ORG**, Contributions to Judges Retirement System.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved HB ORG be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

The following additional Delegate are designated sponsors of the bill:

Gearheart, Hall, Hite, Hott, Dittman, Mazzocchi, Statler, Ellington, Rohrbach, Jeffries and Horst.

**H. B. 3152**, Claims Bill.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute HB 3152 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. Discussion by members relating to Committee Substitute for HB 3152. The motion carried.

**H. B. 3157**, Relating to shortened procedure for road condition claims.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved HB 3157 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

**H. B. 2695**, Raleigh County Economic Opportunity Development District.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute for HB 2695 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved to amend the Committee Substitute for HB 2695 on Page 4, line 78, by striking number 3854 and inserting the number 156. Discussion by members relating to the Amendment. Amendment adopted.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute HB 2695 as amended be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

**H. B. 3492**, Relating to municipal economic opportunity development districts.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved HB 3492 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

**H. B. 3342**, Firearms Industry Nondiscrimination Act

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, was recognized to explain the bill.

Questions by members were asked to the counsel.

Lindsay Marchio, Acting General Counsel for the State Treasurer's Office, having been previously sworn before the Committee, the witness was continued under her previous oath (oath on file).

Questions by members were asked to the representative.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved committee substitute HB 3342 be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

On Motion of Delegate Riley the committee adjourned.

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Vernon Criss

Committee Chair

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Steve Young

House Finance Clerk