



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 19, 2026, 3:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 19, 2026, 3:30 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Worrell, Hite, Pushkin, Hamilton, Anders, Burkhammer, Chiarelli, Clark, Dean, Drennan, Hall, Heckert, Jeffries, Lewis, Mazzocchi, Petitto, Pinson, Rohrbach, Smith, Stephens, Watt, Willis.

Members absent: Delegates Amos, Miller, Vance.

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

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

SB 231 - Relating to value-based payment requirements (2nd REF FIN)

Chairman Worrell recognized Senator Helton to explain SB 231. Senator Helton explained SB 231. Senator answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced SB 231 to markup.

HB 5582 - Extending program for drug screening of applicants for TANF

Chairman Worrell recognized Vicechair Hite moved HB 5582. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 5582. Counsel explained HB 5582 and stated there is a committee substitute at the desk. Vicechair moved com sub for HB 5582. Chairman Worrell called for questions of committee. There were no questions, of counsel. Delegate Pushkin asked for leave of committee to ask questions of Department of Human Services. Chairman Worrell recognized Alex Mayer, Secretary, Department of Human Services. Secretary Mayer answered questions of Delegate Pushkin. Chairman Worrell called for amendments. There were no amendments. Chairman Worrell called for discussion. Vice chair Hite moved to adopt the language of the com sub for HB 5582 and for it be reported to the floor with recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

HB 4359 - Exempt an existing hospital under certificate of need to move their facility up to 10 miles to a new location

Chairman Worrell recognized Vicechair Hite moved HB 4359. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4359 Counsel explained HB 4359 and stated there is a committee substitute at the desk. Vicechair moved com sub for HB 4359. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. Counsel answered a few questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell called for amendments. There were no amendments. Delegate Heckert asked for unanimous

consent to go back to questions of counsel. Counsel answered questions of Delegate Heckert and Delegate Pushkin. Chairman Worrell called or discussion. Vice chair Hite moved HB 4359 be reported to the floor, division was called and by a vote of 10-10 the vote failed and Vice chair Hite move to table HB 4359.

HB 5476 - Require monitoring of electronic records maintained by hospitals. (2nd REF JUD) (Flanigan)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Flanigan to explain HB 5476. Delegate Flanigan answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5476 to markup.

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HB 5625 - Relating to the licensure of radon mitigators, testers, contractors, and laboratories (Worrell)

Vice Chairman Hite recognized Delegate Worrell to explain HB 5625. Delegate Flanigan answered questions of the committee. Vice Chairman Hite advanced HB 5625 to markup.

HB 5260 - Relating generally to medical cannabis (2nd REF JUD) (Eldridge)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Eldridge to explain HB 5260. Delegate 5260 answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Charlie Wilkinson, Vice President, Greenlight Corp. Mr. Wilkinson answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Dr. William Troutt. Dr. Troutt answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5260 to markup.

HB 5569 - To reinstate the discount on insurance for retired firefighters hired after 2010 (2nd REF FIN) (Ward, G.)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Ward to explain HB 5569. Delegate Ward had no questions of the committee. Vice Chairman Hite advanced HB 5569 to markup.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned.

Evan Worrell
Committee Chair

Martha White
Administrator