

Human Services Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

1:00 PM in Zoom and YouTube Channel 1A

The meeting was called to order at 1:02PM by Chairman, Sen. Moore M. S22.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Berthel E. S32; Cabrera J. S17; Lesser M. S09; Moore M. S22

Representatives: Abercrombie C. 083; Arora H. 151; Buckbee B. 067; Butler L. 072; Case J. 063; Cook M. 065; Dathan L. 142; Garibay J. 060; Goupil C. 035; Hughes A. 135; Mastrofrancesco G. 080; Santiago H. 084; Simmons C. 144; Sredzinski J. 112; Stallworth C. 126; Wood T. 141

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives:

Sen. Moore welcomed everyone, introduced herself, and asked each member of the committee to introduce themselves – beginning with Rep. Abercrombie, Co-Chair, and the Ranking Members, Sen. Berthel and Rep. Case.

Sen. Moore introduced members of the Human Services committee staff and other staff members assigned to the Committee through the Legislative Commissioners Office, the Office of Legislative Research, and the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

Sen. Moore introduced newly elected members to the Human Services Committee, including Vice Chairs, and each member provided a brief introduction. Introductions continued with returning members to the Human Services Committee.

Sen. Moore reviewed the Zoom etiquette guidelines.

Sen. Moore committed to looking at all issues through a racial equity lens — centering the lives of black and brown people in the state who have been further disenfranchised through this public health crisis.

Rep. Abercrombie stated that moving forward, votes will remain open for 90 minutes after the committee meeting goes into recess, and the clerk will text members with a reminder before votes close. Informational forums will be scheduled for Medicaid 101 and Nursing Homes, co-sponsored by Human Services and Appropriations - dates to be determined. Rep. Abercrombie advised members to brainstorm additional topics for informational forums, and to send along those requests to the clerk.

Sen. Moore announced that the Human Services Committee does not currently have a set date to meet next, but a date will be provided soon.

Sen. Moore asked for a motion for the Committee to adjourn.

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 PM.

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Gianna Vollano  
Assistant Clerk

Heather Ferguson-Hull  
Committee Clerk