

Human Services Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, August 20, 2021

Immediately following an 11:30 AM Public Hearing in Zoom and YouTube Live

The meeting was called to order at 1:26 PM by Chairman, Sen. Moore M. S22.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Lesser M. S09; Moore M. S22

Representatives: Abercrombie C. 083; Arora H. 151; Buckbee B. 067; Case J. 063;
Cook M. 065; Dathan L. 142; Goupil C. 035; Hughes A. 135;
Santiago H. 084; Scott T. 112; Stallworth C. 126; Wood T. 141

Absent were:

Senators: Berthel E. S32; Cabrera J. S17

Representatives: Butler L. 072; Garibay J. 060; Mastrofrancesco G. 080; Simmons C.
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Sen. Moore asked for a motion to approve the FFY22 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Block Grant Allocation Plan, as amended by the Energy and Technology Committee. The motion was made by Sen. Lesser and seconded by Rep. Dathan. By roll call vote, the motion passed, with 13 voting yea, 1 voting nay, 0 abstentions and 6 absent not voting.

Sen. Moore asked for a motion to approve the FFY22 Low Income Household Water Assistance Program Grant Allocation Plan, in concurrence with the Energy and Technology Committee. The motion was made by Rep. Hughes and seconded by Sen. Lesser. By roll call vote, the motion passed, with 13 voting yea, 1 voting nay, 0 abstentions and 6 absent not voting.

Rep. Case noted that these are one-time funds and that it is not known what will happen next year. He added that he agreed with a point raised by Rep. Nolan in the Joint Public Hearing: that the possibility of purchasing fuel in bulk should be investigated, so that the state might be able to realize some savings in the future. He concluded that there is "much to work on."

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM.

Heather Ferguson-Hull
Committee Clerk