

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Date: **February 17, 2026**

Location: **RM 103**

Convened: **2:30 PM**

Recessed: **2:40 PM**

Reconvened: **3:40 PM**

Adjourned: **4:15 PM**

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Harris-CH, Barker-VC, Wessel-Kroeschell-RM, Andrews, Baeth, Bergan, Bradley, Brown-Powers, Collins, Ehlert, Gehlbach, Ingels, Johnson, C., Johnson, R., Meyer, A., Moore, T., Turek, Weldon, Wilburn, Wilz, H., Wood

Absent:

Excused:

Chairman Harris called the Health and Human Services committee meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Roll Call was taken and a quorum was present.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Chairman Harris made a motion to move the committee to subcommittee of the whole, which was approved by majority voice vote.

Chairman Harris recognized Rep. Weldon for opening comments on [HSB 729](#). There were comments and discussion. With no further comments and discussion, Rep. Weldon moved [HSB 729](#) out of subcommittee as a whole by majority vote.

Chairman Harris recognized Rep. Wilz for opening comments on [HSB 739](#). There were comments and discussion. With no further comments and discussion, Rep. Weldon moved [HSB 739](#) out of subcommittee as a whole by majority vote.

Chairman Harris moved the subcommittee of the whole be dissolved. Majority vote returned subcommittee as a whole to full committee.

The committee recessed for both parties to caucus at 2:42. The committee resumed at 3:40.

Chairman Harris recognized Representative Wilz for opening comments on [HSB 314](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Wilz moved [HSB 314](#) with a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes and 1 excused (Representative Turek). The bill passes and moves on as a committee bill.

Chairman Harris recognized Representative Bergan for opening comments on [HSB 622](#). Rep. Bergan indicated there was an amendment. Chairman Harris recognized Rep. Bergan for opening comments on Amendment 622.2576. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Bergan moved Amendment 622.2576 by short form and it passed. There was further discussion on [HSB 622](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Bergan moved [HSB 622](#) with a roll call vote of 14 ayes (Representatives Harris, Barker, Andrews, Bergan, Bradley, Collins, Gehlbach, Ingels, Johnson, C., Meyer, A., Moore, T., Weldon, Wilz, H., Wood.), and 7 nays (Wessel-Kroeschell, Baeth, Brown-Powers, Ehlert, Johnson, R., Turek, Wilburn). The bill passes and moves on as a committee bill.

Chairman Harris recognized Representative Wilz for opening comments on [HSB 623](#). Rep. Wilz indicated there was an amendment. Chairman Harris recognized Rep. Wilz for opening comments on Amendment 623.2652. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Wilz moved Amendment 623.2652 by short form and it passed. There was further discussion on [HSB 623](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Wilz moved [HSB 623](#) with a roll call vote of 11 ayes (Representatives Harris, Barker, Andrews, Bergan, Bradley, Collins, Gehlbach, Ingels, Johnson, C., Weldon, Wilz, H.), and 10 nays (Wessel-Kroeschell, Baeth, Brown-Powers, Ehlert, Johnson, R., Meyer, A., Moore, T., Turek, Wilburn, Wood). The bill passes and moves on as a committee bill.

Vice-Chairman Barker recognized Representative Harris for opening comments on [HSB 694](#). Rep. Harris indicated there was an amendment. Vice-Chairman Barker recognized Rep. Harris for opening comments on Amendment 694.2623. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Harris moved Amendment 694.2623 by short form and it passed. There was further discussion on [HSB 694](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Harris moved [HSB 694](#) with a roll call vote of 14 ayes (Representatives Harris, Barker, Andrews, Bergan, Bradley, Collins, Gehlbach, Ingels, Johnson, C., Meyer, A., Moore, T., Weldon, Wilz, H., Wood.), and 7 nays (Wessel-Kroeschell,

Baeth, Brown-Powers, Ehlert, Johnson, R., Turek, Wilburn). The bill passes and moves on as a committee bill. Vice-Chairman Barker recognized Representative Harris for opening comments on [HSB 696](#). Rep. Harris indicated there was an amendment. Vice-Chairman Barker recognized Rep. Harris for opening comments on Amendment 696.2653. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Harris moved Amendment 696.2653 by short form and it passed. There was further discussion on [HSB 696](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Harris moved [HSB 696](#) with a roll call vote of 13 ayes (Representatives Harris, Barker, Andrews, Bergan, Bradley, Collins, Gehlbach, Johnson, C., Meyer, A., Moore, T., Weldon, Wilz, H., Wood.), and 8 nays (Wessel-Kroeschell, Baeth, Brown-Powers, Ehlert, Ingels, Johnson, R., Turek, Wilburn). The bill passes and moves on as a committee bill. Chairman Harris recognized Representative Weldon for opening comments on [HSB 729](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Weldon moved [HSB 729](#) with a unanimous roll call vote of 21 ayes. The bill passes and moves on as a committee bill. Chairman Harris recognized Representative Wilz for opening comments on [HSB 739](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Wilz moved [HSB 739](#) with a unanimous roll call vote of 21 ayes. The bill passes and moves on as a committee bill. Vice-Chairman Barker recognized Representative Harris for opening comments on [HF 2438](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Harris moved [HF 2438](#) with a unanimous roll call vote of 21 ayes. The bill passes and moves on as a committee bill. As there was no additional business to come before the committee, Representative Wilz moved we adjourn, seconded by Chairman Harris. The committee adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Representative Austin Harris

William Keck, Committee Secretary