

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 1:34 p.m. on January 28, 2004, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Brenda Landwehr- excused
Representative Tom Holland- excused
Representative McLeland- excused

Committee staff present:

Dr. William Wolff, Legislative Research Department
Renaë Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See Attached List.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes for January 27, 2004.

Representative Bob Bethell requested the Committee sponsor a bill recommended by the Long-Term Care Task Force. The proposed bill would allow the creation of insurance pools for the nursing home industry in order to provide more affordable liability insurance for individual nursing facilities.

The Committee passed a motion to sponsor the bill.

Staff Bill Wolff briefed the Committee on **HB 2478**, which proposes to allow high school students to carry and use certain medications. He said the bill authorizes students 6-12 to possess, carry and administer prescription medications for asthma and other problems that cause anaphylactic shock. He noted that some terms are used that are not inclusively defined or not consistently used, and some terms are used that have been vaguely defined, such as "anaphylactic reaction" and "medication." He also noted that the title of the bill refers to secondary students, but Section 3 refers to students from grades 6 through 12, which would include elementary and middle school students.

Dr. Wolff stated that Section 3 is the heart of the bill, noting that locations and supervision other than the school premises are vague. Further, in sub-section (b), a 6th-grade student would be limited in his/her ability to provide written authorization. Dr. Wolff recommended that the bill state who is to provide such authorization. He said the authorization set forth in the bill must be renewed annually. Answering questions, Dr. Wolff said that many schools have already established similar policies and are using forms to allow students to carry and administer certain medications.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2004.