

HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE RULES 2016

1. In any case where committee rules do not apply, House Rules shall govern. All powers, duties, and responsibilities not addressed herein are reserved to the chair.
2. All cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices, in the committee room shall be in "silent" mode and use of cell phones in the committee room will not be permitted. The owner of any cell phone that rings during a committee meeting shall provide apples, oranges, or bananas for all committee members and staff.
3. The chair shall determine the committee agenda, including scheduling and the order of business.
4. When a motion is ruled upon by the chair, any questions by members of the committee for clarification on the ruling of the chair on a point of order shall be directed to the chair who may request a response from the committee revisors.
5. The chair reserves the right to limit testimony that is cumulative in nature and may limit testimony, when necessary to a specific number of minutes.
6. Committee members shall not address conferees until and unless the chair grants permission.
7. No conferee shall be interrupted, except by the Chair, during the presentation of their testimony unless permission is granted by the Chair.
8. Questioning of a conferee shall be limited to the subject matter on the agenda for the day unless approved by the Chair. If the questioning of a conferee by a committee member goes beyond "reasonableness", the chair may discontinue the committee member's questioning of that conferee.
9. The Chair reserves the right to limit questioning of conferees by committee members in the interest of time and in the interest of fairness to conferees and other committee members.
10. Committee members shall not be approached during a committee hearing or deliberations by anyone other than fellow legislative members or legislative staff.
11. No bill or resolution shall be taken up for a committee vote unless announced by the chair.
12. A motion requires a second to be in order.
13. A substitute motion is in order, but no additional substitute motion shall be in order until the prior substitute motion is disposed of.
14. Amendments to motions are not in order except upon consent of the member making the motions and his or her second.
15. A motion to table or take from the table shall be in order only when such an item is on the agenda or is taken up by the chair. The motion requires a simple majority of those present and is, unless otherwise determined by the chair, non-debatable.
16. There shall be no recording, audibly, photographically, or otherwise, of committee voting except by the committee assistant.
17. There shall be no recorded committee votes on committee action.
18. A request from any member that their vote be recorded shall be granted.
19. Granting excused absences is reserved to the chair. Prior notification of absences SHALL be communicated to the committee assistant, Renae Hansen (296-7631). Any absence by a member not requesting an excused absence shall be an unexcused absence and recorded as such by the committee assistant unless the Chair makes an exception.
20. All Seating will be assigned by the Chair.
21. The question of adjournment shall be reserved to the Chair and no motion to adjourn shall be entertained.