

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 10, 2019

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Martin, Vice Chairman Souza, Senators Heider, Lee, Harris, Burtenshaw, Bayer, Jordan, and Nelson

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Martin** called the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee to order at 4:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS & OTHER BUSINESS: **Chairman Martin** received unanimous consent to reorder the agenda to begin with Vice Chairman Souza, followed by Mr. Stevenson. **Chairman Martin** welcomed new and returning members, and invited the new attaché, Margaret Major, and the page, Landen Richardson, to introduce themselves. **Chairman Martin** referenced routed materials and asked members to give the materials their consideration and provide feedback. **Chairman Martin** distributed Senate Rule 20 and Senate Rule 14(E) for members to review. **Chairman Martin** announced that a joint Senate-House Health and Welfare Committee meeting will take place in the Lincoln Auditorium on February 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. to hear public testimony on any topic related to health and welfare issues.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Martin passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Souza, who will preside over the administrative rules hearings.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES ASSIGNMENTS: **Vice Chairman Souza** informed members that they will not present their assigned rules, rather, are asked to generate any questions to then share with her. The attaché will forward an Incorporation of Reference letter to presenters.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES PROCESS: **Vice Chairman Souza** introduced **Dennis Stevenson**, Administrative Rules Coordinator, who provided an overview of the rules process, including a history of the office over the years. **Vice Chairman Souza** thanked Mr. Stevenson and asked how many other states have similar processes; he replied that there were only a few that brought it to a committee level. **Vice Chairman Souza** asked **Mr. Stevenson** to provide more detail regarding how other states manage the process and he offered to make that information available at a later date. **Chairman Martin** asked Mr. Stevenson for clarification of the rules flowchart. **Mr. Stevenson** then walked the committee through the flowchart and explained that there were options to reject a rule in its entirety, or in part. **Senator Nelson** asked for the criteria to reject a rule, and **Mr. Stevenson** outlined the process undertaken with the assistance of the Legislative Services Office.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Martin** adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Senator Martin
Chair

Margaret Major
Secretary