

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
Meeting Jointly

Monday, July 28, 2025
1:30 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair
Sen. Dave Wallace, Vice-Chair
Sen. Scott Flippo
Sen. Ricky Hill
Sen. Greg Leding
Sen. Clint Penzo
Sen. John Payton
Sen. Fredrick J. Love

Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Chair
Rep. Jeremy Wooldridge, Vice-Chair
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Jack Ladyman
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Fred Allen
Rep. Aaron Pilkington
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Lee Johnson

Rep. Cameron Cooper
Rep. Jay Richardson
Rep. Denise Jones Ennett
Rep. Wayne Long
Rep. Bart Schulz
Rep. Kendra Moore
Rep. Ryan A. Rose
Rep. Zack Gramlich
Rep. Glenn Barnes
Rep. Dolly Henley

A. Call to Order

B. Consideration to Approve the July 7, 2025, and July 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes **[Exhibits B1-B2]**

C. Discussion of Making America Skilled Again Initiative **[Exhibit C]**

1. Cody Waits, Executive Director, Arkansas Workforce Connections, Department of Commerce
2. Eddie Thomas, Director, Office of Employment and Training, Department of Commerce

D. Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISP) **[Exhibits D1-D6]**

1. ISP 2025-027 by Senator John Payton – To Modify the Employer’s Liability Under the Workers’ Compensation Law the Resulted from Initiated Measure 1948, No. 4; And for Other Purposes
 - Labor and Environment Subcommittees
2. ISP 2025-028 by Senator John Payton – To Modify the Compensation Restrictions Under the Workers’ Compensation Law That Resulted from Initiated Act 4 of 1948; And for Other Purposes
 - Labor and Environment Subcommittees
3. ISP 2025-029 by Senator John Payton – An Act to Allow Additional Wage Loss Benefits in Addition to Scheduled Injury Payments Under the Workers’ Compensation Law that Resulted from Initiated Measure 1948, No. 4; And for Other Purposes
 - Labor and Environment Subcommittees
4. ISP 2025-030 by Senator John Payton – An Act to Modify Certain Attorney Fees for Controverted Medical Expenses, Appeals, and Changes of Physicians Under the Workers’ Compensation Law That Resulted from Initiated Measure 1948, No. 4; And for Other Purposes
 - Labor and Environment Subcommittees
5. ISP 2025-031 by Senator John Payton – An Act to Modify a Physician Change Under the Workers’ Compensation Law That Resulted from Initiated Measure 1948, No. 4; And for Other Purposes
 - Labor and Environment Subcommittees
6. ISP 2025-044 by Representative Zack Gramlich – An Act to Amend the Law Concerning Labor; To Amend the Child Labor Laws Enacted by Initiated Act 1 of 1914; To Establish an Educational Alternative to Civil Penalties for Certain Violations Related to Child Labor; To Create Educational Materials Related to Child Labor Requirements; And for Other Purposes
 - Labor and Environment Subcommittees

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly’s website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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E. Other Business

F. Adjournment