

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KILIFI

THE HANSARD

Tuesday, 23rd August, 2016

The House met at the County Assembly Chamber, Malindi Town, at 2.30 p.m.

[The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Ngala) in the Chair]

PRAYERS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

(Order for Committee read)

[The Temporary Speaker (hon. (Ms.) Ngala) left the Chair]

IN THE COMMITTEE

[The Chairperson (Hon. Kenga) took the Chair]

THE KILIFI COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND BILL, 2016

The Chairperson (Hon. Kenga): Good afternoon hon. Members. Once again welcome to the Committee of the Whole House. We are considering the Kilifi County Health Facilities Improvement Fund Bill, 2016 and together with the Clerk, we are going to transact business as regards the same. Thank you.

(Clauses 3, 4, 5 and 6 agreed to)

Clause 7

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you so much Chairperson. I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 7 sub-Clause(b) be amended by inserting the phrase "Finance/Medical degree is an added advantage" immediately after word "Kenya" to read, "holding a minimum of a Bachelor's degree from a university recognized in Kenya, Finance/Medical degree is an added advantage; or"

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

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(Clause 7 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 8 agreed to)

Clause 9

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you so much Chairperson. I beg to move:-
THAT, Clause 9 be amended by;

- a) Inserting the phrase “without written apology” immediately after the word “committee” in Clause 9 (a) to read, “is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the committee without written apology.”
- b) Adding sub-Clause (f) to provide as follows; “is so incapacitated by prolonged physical or mental illness as to be unable to attend and discharge his/her duties.”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be added be added, put and agreed to)

(Clause 9 as amended agreed to)

(Clauses 10, 11 and 12 agreed to)

Clause 13

Hon. Kiraga: I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 13(1) (d) be amended by deleting the phrase “Executive Member” and inserting thereof with the phrase “Health Services Improvement Fund Board” and replace the word “Board” with the phrase “Executive Member” to read, “Forward the approved budget to the Health Services Improvement Fund Board for approval and submission to the Executive Member.”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 13 as amended agreed to)

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Clause 14

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you Mr. Chairperson. I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 14 be amended by;

- a) Deleting the phrase “Chief Officer” in sub Clause 14(2b) and inserting thereof with the phrase “Hospital Administrator”.
- b) Adding the phrase “or the Deputy Fund Administrator in case the Fund Administrator is away on official leave” in Clause 14(2) (a) immediately after the word “administrator” to read “the Fund Administrator or the Deputy Fund Administrator in case the Fund Administrator is away on official leave.”
- C) Deleting the phrase “Hospital Director” in Clause 14 (2c) and inserting thereof with the phrase “Medical Superintendent” to read “the Hospital Medical Superintendent.”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 14 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 15, 16 and 17 agreed to)

Clause 18

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you Mr. Chairperson. I beg to move:-

THAT, Clause 18 be amended by inserting sub Clause 18(c) to read “User fees and Charges.”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be inserted be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 18 as amended agreed to)

(Clause 19 agreed to)

Schedule 1

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you Mr. Chairperson. I beg to move:-

THAT, Schedule 1 be deleted.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

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(Schedule 1 as amended agreed to)

Clause 2

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you Mr. Chairperson. I beg to move:-

- a) THAT, the interpretation of the word “Board” be amended by inserting the word “Fund” before the word “Board” to read, “Fund Board”.
- b) THAT, the phrase “Facility improvement funds” be amended by deleting the word “facility” and inserting the word “services” to read “services improvement fund”.

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the words to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the words to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(Clause 2 as amended agreed to)

The Long Title

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you Mr. Chairperson. I beg to move:-

THAT, the Title of the Bill be amended by deleting the word “Facilities” and replacing it with the word “Services” to read “Kilifi County Health Services Improvement Fund Bill, 2016.”

(Question of the amendment proposed)

(Question, that the word to be left out be left out, put and agreed to)

(Question, that the word to be inserted in place thereof be inserted, put and agreed to)

(The Long Title as amended agreed to)

(The Short Title agreed to)

The Chairperson (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much hon. Members for being attentive and participating in the business of the whole House. I now call upon the Mover to proceed.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much. I would like to beg that the Committee do report to the House the consideration of the Kilifi County Health Facilities Improvement Fund Bill, 2016 and its approval thereof with amendments. Thank you.

The Chairperson (Hon. Kenga): Thank you very much hon. Member for having moved.

(Question proposed)

(Question put and agreed to)

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(The House resumed)

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Ngala) in the Chair)

REPORT, CONSIDERATION OF REPORT AND THIRD READING

THE KILIFI COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND BILL, 2016

Hon. Kenga: Once again thank you very much Madam Speaker. I beg to report that the Committee of the whole House has considered the Kilifi County Health Facilities Improvement Fund Bill, 2016 and approved the same with amendments. Thank you.

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I beg to move that the House do agree with the Committee in the Report. I call upon hon. Chiriba to second.

(Hon. Chiriba stood at his place to second)

(Question proposed)

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Ngala): Any contributions? Yes hon. Chiriba.

Hon. Chiriba: Thank you Madam Speaker. As this Bill finds the favour of this hon. House and is passed, it will greatly help improve our health facilities. In our health centres, the management of funds is not within the mandate of the boards governing the health facilities. Madam Speaker, when this Bill is passed, the board will have power to utilize the funds that they do get so as to address issues that will help in boosting the services in our health centres which as of now are being hindered by the lack of the Administration Fund Board.

It is my humble prayer to this hon. House that we move quickly and pass this Bill so that we can enable our facilities improve and sustain the health issues that we have on the ground. I call up on hon. Members to support. Thank you.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Ngala): Thank you. Any other contribution? Yes hon. Kenga.

Hon. Kenga: Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me to appreciate the effort done by the Committee of the Whole House in coming up with the Report that is before us for deliberations. The Constitution of Kenya, 2010, outlines the basic rights that an individual is supposed to receive. One of the rights is the issue of attaining the highest standards of health and looking at the establishment of the Health Facility Improvement Fund Bill in Kilifi County on the objects of the Fund, that is in item “4 (d) to improve the quality of health care services in hospitals, (c) to support capacity building in the management of hospitals, (b) to give decision making autonomy to hospitals to plan and manage the resources within their control.”

Madam Speaker, these are some of the challenges that we have witnessed as a county. Therefore, the creation and establishment of this fund with the objects that have been outlined will enable us as a county to achieve better and quality health standards for the people of Kilifi. Therefore, I beg to support and thank the Committee for going through this document that is now tabled before this Assembly for approval. Thank you.

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The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Ngala): Thank you hon. Kenga. Any other contribution? In the absence of any other contribution, I will put the question that the House to agree with the Committee in the said Report.

(Question put and agreed to)

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you very much Madam Speaker. I beg to move that the Kilifi County Health Facility Improvement Fund Bill, 2016 be read a Third Time. I call upon hon. Chiriba to second.

(Hon. Chiriba stood at his place to second)

(Question proposed)

Hon. Kiraga: Thank you Madam Speaker. It is important for this Bill to be read a Third Time looking at the importance of this Bill to our county. If you look at the health institutions such as dispensaries and health centres, the health management committee cannot utilize the monies collected at those levels. The monies have to be directed to the Hospital Management Boards while they are not the ones to manage the monies.

The Department has been having problems especially in running of the dispensaries and health centres because they cannot even afford to purchase a pair of gloves since they have to seek assistance from the Hospital Management Boards for them to purchase such essential commodities. By this Bill going to the Third Reading, it will give an opportunity for this House to pass it and thereafter be taken to the Governor for assent. This will assist the county in the management of health issues. I therefore call upon my fellow hon. Members to rise up and support this Bill to go for the Third Reading. Thank you and may God bless this House.

The Temporary Speaker (Hon. (Ms.) Ngala): Thank you hon. Kiraga. I will put the question that the Kilifi County Health Facility Improvement Fund Bill, 2016 be read a Third Time.

(Question put and agreed to)

(The Bill was accordingly read a Third Time and passed)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

The House rose at 3:09 p. m.