

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 29, 2024

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Blanksma, Kingsley, Mitchell, Dixon(24), Gallagher, Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Chew (Wilson), Rubel, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Blanksma

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon(24)** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31055: **Rep. Dori Healey**, District 15, presented **RS 31055**, requiring Idaho Code (IC) 39-4801 be included with IC 39-4804 notices sent to parents from the schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 31055**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31057: **Rep. Dori Healey**, District 15, presented **RS 31057** to reset the Idaho Immunization Assessment Board sunset date to July 1, 2029.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 31057**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30804: **Nicki Chopski**, Health Professions Bureau Chief, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), Executive Officer, Medical, Nursing and Pharmacy Boards, presented **RS 30804** to add six substances to the Uniformed Controlled Substances Act, Schedule I list of drugs.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 30804**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30823C1: **Nicki Chopski**, Health Professions Bureau Chief, DOPL, Executive Officer, Medical, Nursing and Pharmacy Boards, presented **RS 30823C1** to create the Idaho Alliance Health Advisory Board (IAHAB), under the Board of Medicine (BOM), by combining four licensure boards. There is no fiscal impact to create this board.

MOTION: **Rep. Erickson** made a motion to introduce **RS 30823C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30827: **Nicki Chopski**, Health Professions Bureau Chief, DOPL, Executive Officer, Medical, Nursing and Pharmacy Boards, presented **RS 30827** to combine the boards of nursing and midwifery. It also adds a second advance registered nurse (RN) to this combined board. This would give the midwives two seats on the BOM. There are no expected fee changes or fiscal impact.

MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to introduce **RS 30827**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Vander Woude turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.

DOCKET NO. 16-0302-2301: **Chairman Erickson** returned **Docket No. 16-0302-2301**, which failed in committee on January 25, 2024, to the committee for further consideration.

Nate Elkins, Bureau Chief, Facility Standards, Division of Licensing and Certification, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0302-2301**. This is a rewrite of the skilled nursing facilities regulations. The changes eliminate duplicate or outdated regulations. Incorporated by reference are the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) long-term care facility requirements, the CMS nursing facility design and construction requirements, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history language for background checks. The rewrite is neither more stringent nor strict than federal regulations.

MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0302-2301**.

Robert Vande Merwe, Executive Director, Idaho Hospital Association (IHA), testified in support of **Docket No. 16-0302-2301**, stating these rule staffing changes are less restrictive than the federal regulation.

David Lehman, American Association of Retired Persons, testified in support of **Docket No. 16-0302-2301** with a few changes. The pending CMS staffing changes will be in conflict with those listed in this rule. He asked the committee to reject Section 200, Subsection 02, Paragraph d, for nursing staff hours per resident per day to retain the existing code. He expressed confusion regarding the renaming of Section 200 to "Tuberculosis Control."

Chairman Erickson reminded the committee they can reject a Rule portion, but cannot make changes.

MOTION WITHDRAWN: **Rep. Roberts** requested unanimous consent to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

Chairman Erickson put the committee at ease at 9:31 a.m. The committee was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mitchell** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0302-2301**, with the exception of Section 200, Subsection 02, Paragraph d. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Gallagher** requested she be recorded as voting **NAY**.

Vice Chairman Erickson turned the gavel over to **Chairman Vander Woude**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary