

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 09, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Romrell, Vander Woude, Beyeler, Redman, Troy, Rusche, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude

GUESTS: Linda Swanstrom and Elizabeth Criner, ISDA.
Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

RS 24248: **Rep. Kelley Packer**, District 28, presented **RS 24248**, a Concurrent Resolution recognizing the benefits of fluoride, a natural occurrence in Idaho drinking water. This is not a mandate, it simply acknowledges Idaho's important role in the discovery of fluoride and the resultant oral health benefit.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to introduce **RS 24248** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.
Rep. Rusche commented the mid-1900 fluoride discussions presented irrefutable data that fluoride prevents infections, cavities, and promotes strong teeth. It also provides a local policy option.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 24248** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Packer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary