

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 08, 2017

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Vander Woude, Redman, Gibbs, Blanksma, Hanks, Kingsley, Zollinger, Chew, Rubel

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Matt Wimmer and Lisa Hettinger, DHW; Val Fenske, SBOE; Jennifer Beazer, Self; Greg Casey, Veritas Advisors; Matt Freeman, State Board of Ed; Linda Chatburn, Board of Massage; Anne Lawler, Board of Medicine

**Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**RS 25193:** **Matt Wimmer**, Division Administrator, Medicaid, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **RS 25193**. This Legislation has a slight modification to previously heard code changes to pursue value-based purchasing models to improve care and Medicaid costs. The fiscal impact language has been updated with clarification of the DHW commitment to pursue value-based care management approaches. Value-based purchasing payment is aligned through the State Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP), Idaho Healthcare Coalition, and the Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH).

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 25193**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25194:** **Anne Lawler**, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Medicine, presented **RS 25194** to amend and update the Dietetic Practice Act. The previously presented Legislation was withdrawn to address concerns expressed by national nutritionist associations. **RS 25194** updates the twenty-three year old practice act to reorganize sections, align with the Medical Practice Act, and reflect the current practice of dietetics.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25194**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 7:** **Chairman Wood** returned **H 7** to the committee for consideration, which was held for time certain from the meeting of Friday, February 3, 2017.

**Mitch Toryanski**, Legal Counsel, Bureau of Occupational Licenses, presented **H 7** on behalf of the Idaho Board of Massage Therapy. At the request of the State Board of Education (SBOE), this Legislation gives the Board of Massage Therapy the authority to review and approve massage therapy school curriculums. As proprietary schools, they do not offer a degree upon graduation; however, students expect to qualify for licensure in their chosen profession. The SBOE has one employee charged with review of all school application curriculums. To address the expertise needed to follow applicable trade board curriculum standards, the SBOE requested the Board of Massage Therapy review applications and communicate any discrepancies back to the SBOE. Although it will result in more work for the Board of Massage Therapy, students will be assured their training will be within licensing standards. School application reviews will be performed at regular Board meetings.

**Matt Freeman**, Executive Director, SBOE, testified in support of **H 7**. Existing applicable school curriculums will be reviewed during their annual registration. Sharing resources in this manner is already in practice with the boards of dentistry, building safety, and Emergency Medical Services.

Answering questions, **Mr. Freeman**, stated proprietary schools, at their annual renewal, would have their curriculums reviewed for alignment. The SBOE program manager works closely with all schools to assure they are in compliance and can operate.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to send **H 7** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In closing remarks, **Mr. Toryanski** said the reason behind the legislation is to address existing applicant licensing denials caused by curriculums not in line with licensure requirements.

**Linda Chatburn**, Member, Board of Massage Therapy, Licensed Massage Therapist, testified in support of **H 7**. Some of the school transcripts do not specify if they offer kinesiology and pathology, which are critical to their profession. With diploma mills opening and closing in other states, curriculum unification and communication with the SBOE assures students the available schools meet licensure requirements.

Answering questions, **Ms. Chatburn**, said the schools can always add programs. The Board wants to assure a good standard of education exists so a student can be confident the \$10,000 to \$12,000 cost will help them at licensing.

For the record, no one else indicated their desire to testify.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 7** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Vander Woude, Zollinger, Kingsley**, and **Blanksma** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Vice Chairman Packer** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 38:** **Ross Edmunds**, DHW, Administrator, Division of Behavioral Health, presented **H 38**. This Legislation allows state hospitals to provide treatment contrary to a declaration of mental health treatment when commitment is civil or for restoration to competency. Through this new section, hospitals will be able to provide the necessary treatment to fulfill the Department's legal obligation to stabilize the patient under court ordered treatment and restoration services.

Responding to questions, **Mr. Edmunds**, stated this would apply to situations with and beyond medication override. This does not give them the ability to do the court overrides for medication purposes.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 38** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Rep. Zollinger** shared his concerns with the interplay with the medication override section.

**Chairman Wood** put the committee at ease at 9:47 a.m.

**Chairman Wood** resumed the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

**WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** withdrew his motion.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to **HOLD H 38** to time certain, Monday, February 13, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary