

MINUTES
Approved by the Committee
Equitable Assessment of Costs Related to Medicaid Expansion
Monday, November 04, 2019
9:00 A.M.
Room EW42
Boise, Idaho

Co-chair Rice called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.; a silent roll call was requested. Members present: Co-chair Senator Rice and Senators Mary Souza, Van Burtenshaw, Dave Lent, and Maryanne Jordan; Co-chair Representative Fred Wood and Representatives Megan Blanksma, Jim Addis, Britt Raybould, and Brooke Green; non-legislative members Todd Smith and Jeff Taylor; Legislative Services Office (LSO) staff Elizabeth Bowen, Jared Tatro, and Jennifer Kish. Absent/excused: Dave Jeppesen.

Other attendees: Norm Varin - Pacific Source; Caiti Bobbitt - Kootenai Health; Betsy Russell - Idaho Press; Don Hall - Twin Falls County; Liz Hatter, Elizabeth Criner - Veritas Advisors, LLP; Hillarie Hagen - Idaho Voices for Children; Lorna Jorgensen - Ada County; Sarah Bettwieser, Jeff C - St. Luke's Health System; Sara Westbrook - Idaho Association of Cities (IAC); Corey Surber - Saint Alphonsus; Mitch Toryanski - Regence BlueShield of Idaho; Toni Lawson - Idaho Hospital Association; Enrique Muno - Centro de Comunidad y Justicia.

NOTE: presentations and handouts provided by the presenters/speakers are posted to the Idaho Legislature website <https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2019/interim>; and copies of those items are on file at the Legislative Services Office located in the State Capitol.

Co-chair Rice solicited a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13 meeting. Co-chair Wood moved to approve the minutes as presented; Sen. Jordan seconded the motion; motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Co-chair Rice directed the committee to discussion of the final report as drafted.

- Rep. Raybould suggested that the paragraph beginning "Based on the information presented, ..." be removed, as it did not truly reflect the committee's consensus. Co-chair Wood felt that the paragraph explained that more data was needed once medicaid expansion was in place in order for the committee to make a decision on the CAT and county programs; therefore the statement justified the request for the committee to be reconvened for an additional year. Sen. Souza suggested rewording the language to keep the action neutral. Rep. Blanksma agreed with removal of the paragraph. Sen. Jordan supported rewording but felt the paragraph was necessary to explain the unknowns related to the committee's recommendations. Co-chair Rice suggested keeping the paragraph but editing the language based on the unknown of the waivers. Rep. Addis supported removal of the paragraph because the committee's charge was to make a decision on the altering or elimination of the CAT and county program, which was not the committee's recommendation at this time. Rep. Blanksma suggested removing the paragraph and editing the following paragraph by striking "make recommendations" and inserting "review actual expansion data" to include the reasoning from the other paragraph. **MOTION: Rep. Blanksma moved to strike the paragraph beginning "Based on the information presented, ..." in its entirety, and then to edit the following paragraph by striking "make recommendations" and inserting "review actual expansion data" in the same location; motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.** Sen. Jordan requested that the sentence beginning "It is likely...", stricken by the previous motion, be placed in its entirety under item I. of the Minority Report. Co-chair Rice noted that, as a representative of the minority party, she could make that request without the need for a motion or committee vote. **MOTION: Rep. Raybould moved to adopt the final report as amended; motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

Co-chair Rice then directed the committee to discussion of DREL067, the resolution to reauthorize the committee, as drafted.

- **MOTION: Sen. Jordan moved to strike the words "or eliminate" from the second WHEREAS paragraph.** Co-chair Wood disagreed with the edit, as it was a possible outcome. **Motion failed by a majority vote.**
- Co-chair Wood and Rep. Blanksma expressed concern about the term "assessments" as used in item (4) of the fourth WHEREAS paragraph. Ms. Bowen clarified that the language was taken from SCR 117 (2019) but could be edited as the committee desired. **MOTION: Rep. Raybould moved to strike item (4) of the fourth WHEREAS paragraph and correctly edit the listing style [i.e., (2)]; motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.**
- **MOTION: Sen. Jordan moved to strike "will" and insert "may" in the second WHEREAS paragraph; motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.**
- **MOTION: Rep. Blanksma moved to adopt DREL067 as amended; motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

At 9:40 a.m., the committee recessed in order for Ms. Bowen to make the approved edits to both the final report and DREL067.

At 10:05 a.m., the committee reconvened and approved the final drafts of the documents by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.