

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Martin, Vice Chairman Riggs, Senators Heider, Agenbroad, Zito, Stennett, and Wintrow

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senators Lee and Harris

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CONVENED: **Chairman Martin** called the meeting of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 3:00 p.m.

RS 28237 **Stating Findings of the Legislature and Encouraging the Activation of Closed Captioning on Television Monitors in Public Venues.** **Senator Agenbroad** introduced himself to the Committee. He stated the proposed concurrent resolution would encourage the use of closed captioning in public areas to improve communication for the hearing impaired and English language learners. **Senator Agenbroad** reported all television sets made in the last 30 years have closed captioning capability, and all broadcasters in the last 10 years have been required to produce content with closed captions.

MOTION: **Senator Wintrow** moved to send **RS 28237** to print. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1017 **Relating to Uniform Controlled Substances.** **Tim Frost**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Manager, Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), introduced himself to the Committee. **Mr. Frost** described the functions of the State Board of Pharmacy (BOP). He reported **S 1017** updates the Idaho Controlled Substance Act with the most recent changes to federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) controlled substance scheduling. **Mr. Frost** explained the first change removes Epidiolex from Schedule V to non-controlled substance status and amends the definition of marijuana to exclude the chemical structure of Epidiolex. He commented Idaho currently has 135 patients using Epidiolex for the treatment of seizures. **Mr. Frost** reported the bill also: 1.) Adds six synthetic cannabinoids to Schedule I status; 2.) Schedules Norfentanyl, a precursor to Fentanyl, as a Schedule II drug; 3.) Corrects a spelling error in the drug Carisoprodol; and 4.) Adds a new drug, Lasmiditan, to Schedule V. He added the bill mirrors DEA changes, and there is no impact to the General Fund or the BOP dedicated fund.

Chairman Martin recognized Senator Heider's work in the past to help make Epidiolex available to Idahoans.

MOTION: **Senator Wintrow** moved to send **S 1017** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Heider** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL
REAPPOINTMENT:**

Committee Consideration of the Reappointment of Wendy Jaquet to the Board of Health and Welfare, of Ketchum, Idaho, for a term commencing January 1, 2021, and expiring January 1, 2025. **Ms. Jaquet** introduced herself to the Committee and gave a brief overview of her background and service on the Board of Health and Welfare (Board). She listed notable events and projects she worked on while serving in the Idaho House of Representatives and on the Board. **Ms. Jaquet** commented she enjoys working with Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) Director Dave Jeppesen and is impressed with the improvement in internal and external communication and transparency at the DHW.

Senator Agenbroad observed he worked with Ms. Jaquet on a recent census committee and thanked her for her leadership. He asked if Ms. Jaquet's history of three speeding tickets would negatively impact her ability to serve on the Board. **Ms. Jaquet** responded the tickets are in the past as she was ticketed when the highway speed limit was 55 miles per hour.

Chairman Martin mentioned he appreciates Ms. Jaquet's willingness to serve on the Board. **Senator Stennett** commented Ms. Jaquet is her long-time friend and mentor, and she is delighted to have Ms. Jaquet before the Committee. **Senator Stennett** said she looks forward to carrying Ms. Jaquet's reappointment on the floor. **Chairman Martin** advised the Committee will vote on the reappointment at its next meeting.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Martin** adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Senator Martin
Chair

Jeanne Jackson-Heim
Secretary