

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 23, 2022

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Martin, Vice Chairman Riggs, Senators Heider, Lee, VanOrden (Bair), Zito, Stennett, and Wintrow

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Harris

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

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

S 1330 **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING - Adds to existing law to provide for the licensure and registration of certain naturopathic doctors and naturopaths.** **Senator Anthon** introduced himself to the Committee. He relayed that this was a voluntary licensure bill for Naturopathic Medical Doctors (NMD). **Senator Anthon** stated the reason to be licensed included the need for malpractice insurance, in order to take insurance payments for patients, to practice in a health care facility, and if you were already a physician and wanted to provide naturopathic medicine, your original licensing board could have had issue because it was outside of the scope of your current licensure. He stated this bill was for those who were already licensed physicians and had a second degree in naturopathy allowing for a second licensure. **Senator Anthon** relayed the licensure would enable the creation of a state board, the ability to propagate rules, and regulation of practitioners. He stated there were a couple of changes to be made and would like to request the Committee send **S 1330** to the 14th order for amendment.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Wintrow** asked for clarification on 54-5906 scope of practice. **Senator Anthon** confirmed that they were not giving a new ability for procedures. He stated whatever procedures the original licensure covered would be used for the naturopathic license.

TESTIMONY: **Dr. Diane Crumrine**, President, Idaho Chapter - American Association of Naturopathic Physicians introduced herself to the Committee. She stated her approval with the pending amendments. (see Attachment 1)

DISCUSSION: **Senator Wintrow** asked for Dr. Crumrine to point out the changes she had spoke about. **Dr. Crumrine** stated removal of Naturopathic Medical Doctor from the itemized list of providers on page 1 and the added subsection 6 on page 5.

TESTIMONY: **Dr. Colby Inzer**, Naturopath and President, American Naturopathic Association (ANA) introduced himself to the Committee. He stated the ANA was fully supportive of the bill with the suggested amendments. **Dr. Hansen** voiced his support and appreciated the hard work from the NMD and the 2 naturopathic association to get the bill completed.

VOTE: **Senator Stennett** moved to send **S 1330** to the 14th order for amendment. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL
APPOINTMENT
VOTE:**

B.J. Stinger - Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
Chairman Martin asked the Committee if there were any objections to approving the gubernatorial reappointment. There were none.

VOTE:

Vice Chairman Riggs moved to send the Gubernatorial Reappointment of B.J. Stinger to the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to the floor with the recommendation he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES
APPROVAL:**

Senator Heider moved to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2022. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES
APPROVAL:**

Senator Zito moved to approve the Minutes of January 25, 2022. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES
APPROVAL:**

Senator VanOrden moved to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2022. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Martin** adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

Senator Martin
Chair

Lena Amoah
Secretary