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Approved by the Committee
Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee
Monday, October 02, 2023
1:30 P.M.
Room WW55
Boise, Idaho

Members in attendance (*via Zoom): Cochairs Senator Lori Den Hartog and Representative Lance Clow*; Senators Todd Lakey*, Carl Bjerke*, and Melissa Wintrow; Representatives James Holtzclaw*, Jaron Crane, and Nate Roberts*. Legislative Services Office (LSO) staff in attendance: Matt Drake and Grace King.

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Cochair Den Hartog called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and requested that the roll be called.

Opening Remarks

Cochairs Den Hartog and Clow provided opening remarks.

Overview of Occupational Licensing Reform Efforts and Idaho's Involvement

Annie Miller, Policy Analyst at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) provided an overview of occupational licensing reform across the country. She provided details on policy trends and on the Occupation Licensing Learning Consortium.

Broad Overview of Sunset Review and How It Is Approached in Other States

Ms. Miller provided information on the sunset review process, including a brief history, important considerations, and examples from other states.

- Senator Wintrow asked if approaches to reviewing occupational licensing had been bipartisan in other states. Ms. Miller explained that both parties have been interested in addressing occupational licensing review.
- Cochair Clow asked if there were examples from other states where licensing authorities had been sunsetted or consolidated with other groups. Ms. Miller stated she would follow up with examples. Cochair Clow asked if the sunset applied to the entire licensing authority or just an aspect of licensing. Ms. Miller explained that the sunset of an entire licensing authority is rare and it usually pertains to an aspect of licensing.

Overview of the Idaho Occupational Licensing Reform Act and the Committee's Charge

Matt Drake, Research and Legislation Division Manager at the Legislative Services Office, provided a history of the Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee, including the creation of the sunset review process. Mr. Drake also provided information on the committee's charge to review occupational licensing within a 10-year period.

- Cochair Clow asked if there were any rules that would prevent the committee from meeting during the legislative session. Mr. Drake stated that he would have to check but added that the statute allows the committee to take as much time as needed to set up the process for review.

Committee Discussion

Cochairs Den Hartog and Clow discussed considerations the committee members should have in mind while setting up the review process. Cochair Den Hartog discussed dates and topics of discussion for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.