

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 01, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Romrell, Vander Woude, Beyeler, Redman, Troy, Rusche, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Wood, Representative(s) Perry, Vander Woude

GUESTS: Mike Brassey, St. Luke's HS; Toni Lawson, Idaho Hospital Assoc.; Jeremy Pisca, Kootenai Health; Jim Baugh, DRI.

Chairman Packer called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

RS 24374C1: **Mike Brassey**, representing St. Luke's Health System, presented **RS 24374C1**, proposed legislation to make technical changes to existing law to better conform to the National Football League (NFL) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. The term "biannually" is changed to "biennially," to allow guideline review every two years, as was originally intended.

A new requirement of a signed and returned annual concussion information sheet ensures families have received current concussion guidelines and demonstrates school compliance. An additional change assures student athletes having had concussions are well enough to attend class before they can participate in athletics.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to introduce **RS 24374C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 533: **Jeremy Pisca**, Attorney, Risch Pisca Law Firm, on behalf of the Kootenai Hospital District, presented **H 533**. This legislation allows a hospital taxing district with seven trustees the ability to appoint not more than two specialized board members by unanimous vote of the existing board. The appointed board member(s) serve at the pleasure of the existing board and can be removed without cause by a majority board vote. The appointed board member(s) cannot vote on any tax measure.

MOTION: **Rep. Troy** made a motion to send **H 533** with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Wayne Hoffman, President, Freedom Foundation, testified **in opposition** to **H 533**. The reason for an elected board, when augmented with any appointed members given the same powers, is diluted.

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

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Packer** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 533** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1268: **Christine Pisani**, Executive Director, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD), presented **S 1268**. The ICDD is comprised of 23 volunteers appointed by the Governor, with new members recruited annually. This legislation changes the state agency or local organization work restrictions for the positions of "Individual with a Developmental Disability" and "Parent of a Child with a Developmental Disability" to align with federal law.

This resolves a council member recruitment and retention issue, maintaining representation of diverse statewide scenarios. The changes were vetted through the Council's Attorney General and the Governor's office.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to send **S 1268** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Rusche** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Representative Packer
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary