

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 01, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Vander Woude, Redman, Gibbs, Blanksma, Hanks, Kingsley, Zollinger, Chew, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Ed Sherman and Sharon Kiefer, IDFG; Larry Fry and Jay Stark, Idaho Sportsmans Alliance; Lee Heider, Senate; Austin Hopkins and Jonathan Oppenheimer, ICL

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 14, and 24, 2017, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25407: **Rep. Judy Boyle**, District 9, presented **RS 25407**, a rewrite of the Oil and Gas code with renumbering, new definitions, and a name change to the Land Owner Protection Act.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 25407**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25348C1: **Sen. Lee Heider**, District 24, presented **RS 25348C1** designating the Japanese Yew as a noxious weed and providing a specific exemption from the Director of the Department of Agriculture.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25348C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 25393: **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, presented **RS 25393**, Proposed Legislation for new revenues for the prevention of wild life depredation, compensation for private land damage, and sportsmen access programs.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to introduce **RS 25393**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 213: **Treana Clark**, Program Manager, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health, presented **H 213**. This Legislation amends Regional Behavioral Health Services. Changes include removal of references to the initial Regional Behavioral Health Board appointments and the addition of both a prevention specialist and county commissioner to the Board membership. Definitions are updated to include family support partner, peer support specialist, and supportive services.

Answering a question, **Ms. Clark** said a prevention specialist would be someone involved with a school district and providing prevention services in their community. These individuals are already attending and participating in Board meetings. Their inclusion allows them to be a part of the decisions for prevention services provided in the communities.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **H 213** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Zollinger spoke **in opposition** to the motion, sharing his concern regarding a private organization choosing the board members for a government agency.

Rep. Blanksma, **in opposition** to the motion, noted the lack of county association representation in the meeting audience.

Ross Edmunds, Administrator, Division of Behavioral Health, was invited to answer a question. The Idaho Association of Counties requested this inclusion to insure counties have fair and equal representation on the regional boards. The current membership language stipulates a commissioner, not a designee, be on the Board. The boards move the locus of control to the community level to give them a local board which includes county commissioners and community behavioral health members.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Vice Chairman Packer made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 213** for time certain, Friday, March 3, 2017.

Speaking to the substitute motion, **Vice Chairman Packer** stated this will allow the counties to attend the hearing and provide a better understanding of the language and county representation.

Rep. Kingsley commented, as a member of the Region Two Behavioral Health Board, the Association of Counties would be used to facilitate attendance at the meetings. He is **in opposition** to the substitute motion.

Responding to a question, **Ross Edmunds** said the Board has twenty-three members, including the new prevention specialist member.

VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Chairman Wood called for a vote on the substitute motion to **HOLD H 213** for time certain, Friday, March 3, 2017. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Kingsley** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary