

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Thursday, January 31, 2019
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW20
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Wagoner, Representatives Vander Woude, Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Zollinger, Christensen, Green(2), Lickley, Chew, Rubel, Davis
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Kelley Packer, IBOL; Joan Callahan, Gayle Chaney, and Rob McQuade, IBOL-SHS Board; Caley Featherstone, Eating Disorders; Steve Snow, CDHH; Elke Shaw-Tulloch and Trinetta Middlebrook, DHW; Frank Powell, DHW - Rules Unit; Kris Ellis, IPA; Stewart Wilder, ID Suicide Prev. Coalition
- Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- HJM 1:** **Rep. Caroline Troy**, District 5, presented **HJM 1**. This is an opportunity to request Idaho's congressional delegation support the 611 designation for a national mental health and suicide hotline. A Federal Communications Commission study for this designation is in process.
- The statewide suicide prevention hotline is a ten-digit number, which is difficult to remember in a crisis situation. The 611 number is in line with existing three-digit emergency numbers.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **HJM 1** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- Elke Shaw-Tulloch**, Administrator, Division of Public Health, testified in support of **HJM 1**. This important endeavor is also in alignment with the new state suicide prevention strategic plan.
- Wendy Young**, Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline, testified in support of **HJM 1** on behalf of the hotline.
- Stewart Wilder**, Suicide Prevention Coalition, testified in support of **HJM 1**. An easy number can be remembered by everyone, especially someone in crisis.
- For the record, no one else indicated their desire to testify.
- VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **HJM 1** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- HCR 3:** **Rep. John McCrostie**, District 16, presented **HCR 3** to designate the last week of February as Eating Disorders Week in conjunction with National Eating Disorders Week.
- Caley Featherstone**, Citizen, further presented **HCR 3**. With an estimated 58,000 Idahoans having eating disorders, there are only a handful of professionals to help them. Last year's National Eating Disorders Week, with Idaho participation, saw buildings light up, and increases in funds and participants in all activities. Since then, eating disorder specialists have conducted training sessions with Idaho health care professionals. Knowing there is statewide support makes a difference for those suffering and those trying to help them.
- For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Vander Woude** made a motion to send **HCR 3** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCrostie** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 22:** **Joan Callahan**, on behalf of the Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Board, presented **H 22**. This legislation allows sign language interpreters use of their phones or mobile devices to show their licensure. It also removes the age limit for sign language interpreters, relying instead on their licensure qualification to assure competency.

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **H 22** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Davis** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 37:** **Ross Edmunds**, Administrator, Division of Behavioral Health, Department of Health & Welfare, presented **H 37**. The definition for serious emotional disturbance is changed to include a "diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders (DSM) diagnosable mental health." The standardized instrument terminology change allows flexibility to use better assessment tools in the future, although a specific assessment tool is currently used. The DSM reference follows industry standards. Changes are in response to the Jeff D. lawsuit and the decision to build the best mental health system for children.

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to send **H 37** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Secretary