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**SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Monday, February 03, 2020
- TIME:** 3:00 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room WW54
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Martin, Vice Chair Souza, Senators Lee, Harris, Burtenshaw, Bayer, Jordan, and Nelson
- ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator Heider
- 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 to order the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) at 3:07 p.m.
- Chairman Martin** stated he would like to recognize and welcome Neva Santos, Executive Director of the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians, and several resident students who are touring the Capitol and visiting the Committee meeting today.
- H 314** **Steven Snow**, Executive Director, Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, presented **H 314** which relates to the deaf and hard of hearing. This bill revises and updates archaic language found in Title 67, Chapter 73 of Idaho Code. There are five agencies this change would impact and they are in agreement with this change. They are: Bureau of Occupational Licenses; State Department of Education; Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind; Idaho Public Utilities Commission; and the Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- He explained that terms being deleted are "hearing-impaired" and "hearing-impairment," and they are being replaced with "deaf or hard of hearing" or "hearing loss." The reference to a national representative on the Council is also being deleted.
- DISCUSSION:** **Vice Chair Souza** asked about using the word "impairments." **Director Snow** explained that the term "impairments" has a negative connotation and indicates that someone is broken. "Deaf and dumb" and "deaf and mute" are also considered inappropriate. **Senator Lee** asked about the composition of the Council and the removal of the word "national." **Director Snow** replied that the local board is comprised of two "hard of hearing" representatives and by removing the word "national," Council members may be from other "hard of hearing" organizations.
- MOTION:** **Senator Burtenshaw** moved to send **H 314** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Jordan** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Ward-Engleking will carry the bill.
- RS 27462** **Elizabeth Criner**, representing the Idaho State Dental Association, presented **RS 27462**. This legislation would amend the Dental Practice Act to accommodate the advancement of teledentistry. Teledentistry is transparent, enhances patient protection, and preserves the standard of care. See attachment 1.
- MOTION:** **Senator Lee** moved to send **RS 27462** to print. **Vice Chair Souza** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

- H 315**            **Nicki Chopski**, Executive Director, State Board of Pharmacy, presented **H 315**. She explained that the State Board of Pharmacy administers the regulatory provisions of the state's Uniform Controlled Substances Act. This bill relates to controlled substances and mirrors the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) scheduling decisions for 2019.
- MOTION:**        **Senator Harris** moved to send **H 315** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Bayer** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Harris will be the floor sponsor.
- H 316**            **Ms. Chopski** presented **H 316**, relating to controlled substances. She stated it updates the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act as it relates to forfeitures and discipline. **Ms. Chopski** also indicated the bill updates and modernizes provisions of the Pharmacy Act. Drug destruction is under the supervision of the Idaho State Police and a representative of the State Board of Pharmacy will no longer be required to witness the destruction. Language has been simplified relating to continuing education and counseling, both of which are important.
- MOTION:**        **Senator Jordan** moved to send **H 316** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Jordan will carry the bill.
- H 311**            **Blake Brumfield**, Program Manager of the Developmentally Disability Crisis Prevention and Court Services Program, Division of Family and Community Services, Department of Health and Welfare, presented **H 311**, Relating To The Treatment And Care Of The Developmentally Disabled. He explained that the bill would allow a licensed independent practitioner to be used in place of a physician. This would allow the workload to be spread more effectively among the staff.
- TESTIMONY:**    **Richelle Tierney**, Policy Analyst, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities, stated the Council supports **H 311**. The Council is comprised of 23 volunteers, appointed by the governor, and they applaud the efforts that are being made. See attachment 2.
- MOTION:**        **Senator Nelson** moved to send **H 311** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Vice Chair Souza** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Nelson will carry the bill.
- MINUTES APPROVAL:**    **Senator Jordan** moved to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2020. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.
- ADJOURNED:**    There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Martin** adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

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Senator Martin  
Chair

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Margo Miller  
Secretary

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Juanita Budell  
Secretary