

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Thursday, January 20, 2022
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW20
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Vander Woude, Representatives Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Christensen, Lickley, Erickson, Ferch, Mitchell, Chew, Rubel, Burns
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Blanksma, Burns
- GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; at the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.
Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- RS 29024C1:** **Mike Walsh**, Chief of Rehabilitation Services, Idaho Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired, presented **RS 29024C1**. This proposed legislation update reflects current federal statutes for the vocational rehabilitation program.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Chew** made a motion to introduce **RS 29024C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Addressing the committee, **Chairman Wood** explained that when the original Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) Omnibus Rule was created, it incorporated all of their agencies instead of breaking them down by each reviewing committee. Today we will be reviewing and voting on only those Rules pertaining to our committee.
- DOCKET NO. 24-0000-2100:** **Tim Frost**, Deputy Administrator, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-0000-2100 Section 24.33.03**. The changes to this section are in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act. Obsolete, duplicate, or unnecessary language has been removed. A new provision requiring licensees to cooperate with board investigations is added to provide consistency with other licensing board requirements. This also removes barriers to responses during a health emergency.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Vander Woude** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0000-2100 Section 24.33.03**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 24-0000-2100F:** **Tim Frost**, Deputy Administrator, DOPL, presented the twenty-five chapters of **Docket No. 24-0000-2100F** which are pertinent to review by the Health & Welfare Committee. Of the twenty-five chapters, six have changes.
Changes to **Section 24.12.01**, for Psychologists, bring it in line with statute and other licensing boards. Exam requirements have been simplified and duplicate rules for the Telehealth Access Act have been removed.
Section 24.31.01, for Dentistry, is updated by removing unnecessary definitions, fees, redundant language, and duplications. Additional changes correct publishing errors and simplify the chapter.
The update for **Section 24.33.01**, for Physician Rules, includes adding reference to the Medical Malpractice Code, removal of unnecessary abbreviations, and alignment with statutory changes. Appropriate use of abbreviations and clarifying language have been added.
Section 24.33.02, for Physician Assistants, has had significant changes made in order to be aligned with statutory changes. Two sections have been merged into the scope of practice rule.

Chairman Wood put the committee at ease.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order.

Rep. Lickley introduced **Liberty Ortega**, who is interning for Rep. Lickley and **Rep. Hartgen** during this session.

Tim Frost continued his presentation of those portions of **Docket No. 24-0000-2100F** requiring the Health & Welfare Committee review. **Section 24.33.06**, for Respiratory Therapists, has updates which align with changes to the Respiratory Care Practice Act, remove unnecessary definitions or language, and clarify continuing education requirements.

Section 24.36.01, for Pharmacy, updates the waivers and variances provisions to provide consistency with the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act. Clarification is made for continuing education and the qualifications for pharmacy technician registration. In response to new federal procedures, a cancellation clause for controlled substance registration has been added. Requirements for telepharmacy drug outlet storage, security, and inventory have been simplified.

The remaining unchanged chapters within **Docket No. 24-0000-2100F**, which are before this committee, have been previously reviewed and approved by the legislature.

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0000-2100F Sections 24.03.01, 24.06.01, 24.09.01 through 24.17.01, 24.19.01, 24.23.01, 24.24.01, 24.26.01, 24.27.01, 24.31.01, and 24.33.01 through 24.36.01. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary