

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 17, 2022

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood (Critchfield), Vice Chairman Vander Woude, Representatives Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Christensen, Lickley, Erickson, Ferch, Mitchell, Chew, Rubel, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Kingsley

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

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

RS 29510: **Rep. Matthew Bundy**, District 23, presented **RS 29510** to implement the Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLPCompact). The compact allows licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists who are licensed in any compact state to provide services in each member state under a privilege to practice. The conditions for acquiring a privilege to practice are stipulated.

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to introduce **RS 29510**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29215: **Rep. Julianne Young**, District 31, presented **RS 29215**, adding a new chapter for the Patient Visitations Rights Act. Definitions have been added and stipulation is made to what care facilities can require. There is a limitation regarding imposing any vaccination requirement. An emergency clause is also added. Rep. Young requested page 2, line 6, "A care facility may:" be changed to read "A care facility may, consistent with the precautions required to be taken by staff and other personnel:" She also requested a change on page 2, subsection b, lines 9 and 10, to end the sentence at "requirement" and strike the rest of the sentence.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 29215** with the requested changes. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Lickley** and **Chew** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

H 603: **Rep. Rod Furniss**, District 35, presented **H 603**. This legislation updates statute to allow district hospitals the same lease or sale options as county hospitals. This adds consistency to county and district hospitals.

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to send **H 603** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 562: **Rep. Marco Erickson**, District 33, presented **H 562**, to consolidate and simplify the pharmacist drug outlet registration process by reducing the type of outlet to resident or non-resident. The regulatory boards will not be impacted.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 562** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Erickson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Vander Woude thanked **Vance Lind** for his assistance as the committee page during the first half of this session.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary