

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 08, 2022

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Martin, Vice Chairman Riggs, Senators Heider, Lee, Harris, Zito, Stennett, and Wintrow

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator VanOrden (Bair)

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CONVENED: **Chairman Martin** called the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 3:07 p.m.

H 681 **HEALTH - Repeals existing law relating to care of biological products.** **Senator Mark Harris** introduced himself to the Committee. The bill was a simple repeal of language made obsolete due to the passage of **H 445** earlier this session. All three sections of Chapter 15 in title 39 would be removed.

MOTION: **Senator Heider** moved to send **H 681** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Harris will carry the bill on the floor.

H 562 **PHARMACISTS - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding drug outlets.** **Representative Marco Erickson** introduced himself to the Committee. In accordance with the Licensing Freedom Act, this bill simplified the process for pharmacies. He reported pharmacies could now choose between 2 types of licensing, in state or out of state instead of the 5 previous choices.

MOTION: **Senator Stennett** moved to send **H 562** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Heider** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Martin will carry the bill on the floor.

H 598 **GENETIC TESTING PRIVACY ACT - Amends existing law to provide a certain exception regarding DNA analysis for quality control.** **Representative David Cannon** introduced himself to the Committee. The legislation added an exception to the Idaho Genetic Testing Privacy Act which was passed in 2006. Federal statute had an exception that Idaho law did not have. Forensic labs required employee DNA to rule out contamination. This exemption protected employee DNA from being uploaded into the federal database. In order for Idaho to access the federal database the Idaho law needed to match federal law.

MOTION: **Senator Wintrow** moved to send **H 598** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Riggs** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Wintrow will carry the bill on the floor.

H 603 **HOSPITAL DISTRICTS - Adds to existing law to allow for the sale, lease, or conveyance of hospital district property.** **Representative Rod Furniss** introduced himself to the Committee. This legislation would allow the 7 district hospitals to have the same ability as county hospitals to lease or sell property to perpetuate the services in that community.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Wintrow** asked why this would better serve these hospitals. **Toni Lawson**, Vice President, Government Relations, Idaho Hospital Association introduced herself to the Committee. She answered that hospitals would be able to lease, with all the appropriate considerations, to a non-profit allowing them to get grants and fund raise where government entities cannot.

MOTION: **Senator Lee** moved to send **H 603** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator VanOrden will carry the bill on the floor.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Martin** adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Senator Martin
Chair

Lena Amoah
Secretary