

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 01, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Vander Woude, Redman, Gibbs, Blanksma, Hanks, Kingsley, Zollinger, Chew, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Anne Lawler, Board of Medicine; Susie Pouliot, ID Medical Assoc.; Megan Williams, Jaclyn St. John, Crystal Wilson, Carla Chaplain, Ryan Vance, Jen Forbes, and Sue Linja, ID Academy of Nutr. & Dietetics; Renee Watson, Dietetic Licensure Board, St. Luke's; Greg Casey, Veritas Advisors

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

RS 25071: **Susie Pouliot**, CEO, Idaho Medical Association, presented **RS 25071**, proposed legislation using the Idaho Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS) to avoid duplicate vaccine dosages. All providers shall enter every immunization into IRIS, except adult influenza. The opt-out provision for patients or parents shall continue to be provided.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 25071**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 45: **Anne Lawler**, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Medicine (BOM), presented **H 45** to update and amend the Dietetic Practice Act (DPA) in alignment with the Medical Practice Act (MPA) and current practice.

Definitions have been updated and consolidated. The scope of dietetic practice update reflects the advancement of the profession. Protected titles are updated to reflect current national practice. Reference to the first board has been removed and the board member term has been increased to a maximum of four years. Disciplinary action has been updated to allow milder options and align with the MPA. Licensure requirements have been clarified to match the national certifying agency's requirements. National certification and a two-year option have been added as renewal requirements.

Responding to questions, **Ms. Lawler** stated the national certification is an exam and provides no ongoing standard of care regulation. It is considered a baseline of standards met by the applicant. The updates address only the dietitians and do not impact the abilities of any Certified Nutrition Specialists, who are not regulated in Idaho. Dietitians must have both a bachelors degree in an accredited program and a supervised practice program.

Megan Williams, President, Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, testified **in support of H 45**. Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDN) are found in a wide variety of settings. This update, developed in collaboration with the BOM, reflects and clarifies current practice, increasing RDN effectiveness and privileges, while improving patient outcome and public safety.

Rene Watson, Board Member, Idaho Board of Nursing and Dietetic Licensure Board, testified **in support** of **H 45**. In over two decades of working in the health system, she has been impressed by the passion of certified dieticians to improve the access of care for patients with diabetes. The updated DPA will allow protocol development so licensed dieticians can practice to their full scope, certification, and education.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to send **H 45** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Kingsley, Zollinger,** and **Hanks** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Perry** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary