

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 05, 2018

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Wayne Denny and Brenda Gully, DHW/EMS

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26 and March 1, 2018, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

SCR 135: **Sen. Bert Brackett**, District 23, presented **SCR 135** to encourage the Idaho Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to follow up on the 2012 Town Hall Meetings Report and determine what challenges remain in recruitment and retention of emergency providers, focusing on rural areas and their challenges. The Resolution also encourages Legislative members and stakeholders to attend the town hall meetings.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **SCR 135** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1310: **Sen. Bert Brackett**, District 23, presented **S 1310** to allow Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs), with an EMS certificate, to serve as ambulance attendants. This assures rural medical response unit viability, maintains patient care and provides an opportunity for ambulance EMR attendants to transition to EMT levels.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **S 1310** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Wayne Denny, Bureau Chief, Bureau of EMS and Preparedness, Department of Health and Welfare, was invited to answer questions. Idaho has the most robust emergency radio system in the country for all responders. The valid ambulance certificate will incorporate current optional training modules and be promulgated in Rules presented during the next legislative session.

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

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1250: **Sen. Lee Heider**, District 24, presented **S 1250**. This legislation communicates to state employees their ability to be organ donors and receive paid leave.

MOTION: **Rep. Perry** made a motion to send **S 1250** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Perry** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1249: **Sen. Lee Heider**, District 24, presented **S 1249**. This legislation directs the colleges to biannually electronically notify all students regarding their ability to be organ donors. This population is a healthy donor source and often do not have drivers licenses.

Answering a question, **Sen. Heider** said donor status can be stipulated through the Organ Donor Registry or Drivers License Services.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **S 1249** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Perry** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary