

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, February 23, 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:** None
- 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 Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Erickson** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 15, 16, and 17, 2022, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Wood** introduced and welcomed **Holly Mebane**, the committee's page for the second half of the session.
- H 664:** **Rep. Matthew Bundy**, District 23, presented **H 664** to implement the Audiology and Speech-language Interstate Compact (ASLPCompact) to allow services in each member state under a privilege to practice. It includes telehealth practices. This will save licensing time and fees in each member state.
- Rachelle Ruffing**, Speech-language Pathologist, on behalf of the Idaho Speech-language and Hearing Association, President Elect, further presented **H 664**. This legislation particularly helps military families who move from base to base by allowing continuation of therapy across state lines. It will also increase the availability of speech-language pathologists who may be spouses of service persons by recognizing their license in another member state.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 664** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- Tammie Perreault**, on behalf of the Department of Defense, testified in support of **H 664**. This legislation addresses licensing issues impacting service member families. By removing barriers for placement opportunities, spouses will be able to practice across state lines, relieving a burden often faced by persons who must move to different bases in order to continue to serve.
- VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 664** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Bundy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- HCR 30:** **Rep. Chris Mathias**, District 19, presented **HCR 30**. Previously the Governor has issued proclamations for October 9th to be Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Association with Streptococcal Infections and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANDA/PANS) Awareness Day. This legislation continues the October 9th awareness date each year and encourages key stakeholders to provide reliable information about PANDA/PANS to the public.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **HCR 30** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Shannon Leigh, Sue Gray, Gina Nilsson, and Charity Edwardson (as read by **Sara Lemley**) testified in support of **HCR 30**. They shared the sudden onset of their children's dramatic and varied symptoms, the inability to find a diagnosis or treatment in Idaho, the burden of treatment costs associated with going to other states, and the ongoing impact of the disorder on all family members. There is a need for medical staff awareness and education. Their appreciation was expressed for this legislation and the Governor's previous proclamations to raise awareness to help with healing and recovery.

Answering a question, **Sara Lemley** stated many children require Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) treatment, which costs between \$18k to \$20k and is not covered by insurance.

MOTION: Due to the absence of the maker, the previous motion is void. **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to send **HCR 30** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Mathias** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary