

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2016
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW20
MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Romrell, Vander Woude, Beyeler, Redman, Troy, Rusche, Chew
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Hixon
GUESTS: Valerie McCauley, Brian McCauley, Arlene McCauley, Jim McCauley, Idaho Citizens; Russ Barron, DHW.
Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
RS 24550: **Rep. Christy Perry**, District 11, presented **RS 24550**, proposed legislation in response to requests from foster parents on behalf of the foster children. The adoptee's jurisdictional court is included in the adoption consent list and given input and approval authority for all custody matters. An investigation time frame is set and a notification of relatives section is added. Required concurrent permanency plan procedures and adaptations for placement priorities are listed. Finally, the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) is directed to make changes in alignment with this policy.
MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 24550. Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 24551: **Rep. Perry** presented **RS 24551**, which requests the DHW present an annual foster care system report to the legislative germane committees. This helps raise awareness and inform legislators about the foster care system.
MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 24551. Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Wood thanked **Katherine Poole** for her hard work as the Health and Welfare committee page during the first half of the session.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary