

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 23, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Wagoner, Representatives Vander Woude, Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Zollinger, Christensen, Green(2), Lickley, Chew, Rubel, Davis (Thea)

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Joan Callahan, IBOL - Boards Social Work, DOC, Therapy, Counselors; Kelley Packer and Rob McQuade, IBOL

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

H 6: **Joan Callahan**, Administrative Attorney, State Board of Social Work Examiners, presented **H 6**, to change the designation from licensed social worker to licensed bachelor social worker, with no changes to the licensure qualifications. This aligns with the nationwide designation and will not impact persons who received their licenses prior to the change.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **H 6** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Christensen** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 5: **Maurie Ellsworth**, General Counsel, Bureau of Occupational Licenses, on behalf of the Idaho Board of Chiropractic Physicians, presented **H 5** to remove the peer review processes, which have proven to be ineffective, merely opinions of the reviewers, and not admissible in court.

Dr. Herbert W. Oliver, Chairman, Chiropractic Board, Chiropractor Physician, testified in support of **H 5**. Insurance contracts utilize procedures and experts to address the areas of the peer review. This provides a better avenue at a lower cost than the peer review process.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 5** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

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

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 5** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Green(2)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 4: **Joan Callahan**, on behalf of the State Occupational Therapy Licensure Board, presented **H 4**. In response to the Licensing Freedom Act Report and Initial Recommendations, updates have been made to examinations, renewal standards, and inactive license reinstatement processes. The continuing education (CE) proof requirement is changed to annual. Specific supervision practice or procedures are eliminated.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Vander Woude** made a motion to send **H 4** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Lickley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 3: **Joan Callahan**, on behalf of the Idaho State Licensing Board for Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists, presented **H 3**. Educational requirements are changed to a master's degree or higher in counseling or a related field of study, as approved by the board, and includes supervised clinical contact. The application, license, renewal, and endorsement caps are increased to \$175. License fees collected when a license is not issued are now refunded.

Kelley Packer, Bureau Chief, Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, was invited to answer a question. She said this board has had prosecutorial costs from complaints where actual misconduct was found and taken further.

In answering a question, **Ms. Callahan** said during the last five years, the board received 247 public complaints and closed 145 of them with no disciplinary action. Of the remaining, 71 had disciplinary action and nine are pending legal reviews. Investigative costs may not correspond with the dates of the prosecutorial costs, because it can take over a year for the case to close.

During formal disciplinary action they try to recover some of the costs; however, if there is no disciplinary action the costs become part of the operating expenses of the Board.

Kelley Packer, Bureau Chief, Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, testified **in support** of **H 3**. Depending on income stream, fees requests could be for decreases.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to send **H 3** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Speaking **in opposition** to the motion, **Rep. Zollinger** said when fee caps are raised, fees follow. He would like to see administrative cost savings.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Wagoner** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 3** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Christensen, Green(2), and Zollinger** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Kingsley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary