

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 11, 2019
- TIME:** 8:30 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
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Blanksma, Green(2)
- GUESTS:** Josh Campbell, Idaho Association of Free & Charitable Clinics; Quinn Perry, Id School Boards Assn; Kris Ellis, IHCA, NPI; Jodi Broyles, ISU Student/Self; Elizabeth Criner, ISDA; Steven D. Davis, Genesis Comm Health; Jennifer Adams, ISU College of Pharmacy; Amber Graves and Kourtney McBride, Meridian MYAC
- Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.
- RS 26784C1:** **Rep. Priscilla Giddings**, District 7, presented **RS 26784C1**, proposed legislation changing two code sections to require daycares and schools provide exemption information at the same time and in the same manner as they provide immunization information.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Vander Woude** made a motion to introduce **RS 26784C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 26740:** **Rep. Brooke Green**, District 18, presented **RS 26740**. There are currently no fertility benefits for veterans, with service-connected injuries, who cannot procreate without the use of fertility treatments. The proposed Joint Memorial requests Congress include such treatments as covered benefits.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 26740**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 58:** **Rep. Sue Chew**, District 17, presented **H 58** to update and modernize the Idaho Legend Drug Donation Act of 2009. Changes redefine and expand who can donate and receive donated drugs. The changes offer an option for pharmacies, Idahoans, and other donating entities.
- Josh Campbell**, President, Idaho Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, testified **in support** of **H 58**. Often a surviving family member who desires to donate often unopened medications. Answering a question, he said all clinics have volunteer pharmacists who can review the efficacy of the donated drugs. Recipients qualify if they are without insurance or fall below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).
- Jodi Broyles**, Student, Idaho State University College of Pharmacy, testified **in support** of **H 58**. She said donations are reviewed to assure they are in sealed manufacturer containers or unit dose packing. Pharmacies can donate open bottles. This legislation provides an option to a drug disposal drop-off box.
- Ms. Broyles** read the testimony of **Betsy Burquist**, Kootenai Cancer Center, who wrote she is **in support** of **H 58**. Through this legislation, the ability to redirect medication to patients of need is now expanded to more clinic types. The potential benefits are extensive, with proven success in other states.
- Kris Ellis**, on behalf of Idaho Nurse Practitioners and the Idaho Healthcare Association, testified **in support** of **H 58**. The changes keep the donated drugs within Idaho and opens it up for participation by other facilities.

Alex Adams, Former Director, Board of Pharmacy, testified in support of **H 58**. The changes specify what patients can donate. Certain categories of drugs are so expensive even persons with insurance cannot afford them.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **H 58** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Chew** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 59: **Rep. Jason Monks**, District 22, presented **H 59**. When **H 546** was approved last session, not all code references were changed to reflect the change in organ donation age from 16 to 15 years of age. This legislation makes the additional changes, including identification cards, and retains the parent or adult guardian written consent requirement.

Amber Graves, Meridian Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, testified in support of **H 59**. The changes complete the Council's project, emphasizes their voice in government, and demonstrates how youth can address a problem in society.

Kourtney McBride, Meridian Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, testified in support of **H 59**. The age change starts an open dialogue with parents, providing them the ability to make informed decisions in an emergency.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to send **H 59** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. Speaking to the motion, he said the youth bringing forward this legislation are to be commended.

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

In closing remarks, **Rep. Monks** said guardians or parents are usually present when the driver's license is obtained. At that time the question of organ donation is raised and the appropriate form is provided. He has been privileged to be a part of this process and work with the Meridian Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 59** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary