

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 18, 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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Lynn Tominaga, IGWA; Kelli D. Brassfield, IAC; Esteban Goslan, SCLT; Christine Pisani, DD Council; Carmel Crick and Beck Dellicarpini, Self

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8 and 12, 2019, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 27132:** **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 27132**, proposed legislation based on **H 249**. Two modifications have been made. The work requirement hours have been decreased to twenty hours per week. A CMS waiver is requested to allow persons within the 100-138% federal poverty limit (FPL) to remain on the state exchange, including a provision for their Medicaid qualification, should the request not be approved by January 1, 2020.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 27132**.

Answering questions, **Rep. Vander Woude** said Your Health Idaho (YHI) estimates 20,000 exchange members would meet this qualification and 10,000 Idahoans who qualify for the exchange have not exercised their option. Hospitals estimate this will reduce uncompensated care by \$120M. The Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) waiver will help persons with mental conditions get coverage and enhance the current Medicaid mental health treatment.

Speaking against the motion, **Rep. Rubel** said the legislation does not include all of the counties' and indigent funds' costs and is not what the voters expressed in Proposition 2.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 27132**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Davis, Rubel, and Chew** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary