

MINUTES  
**SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022

**TIME:** 2:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Martin, Vice Chairman Riggs, Senators Heider, Lee, VanOrden (Bair), Zito, Stennett, and Wintrow

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator Harris

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Martin** called to order the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) at 2:02 p.m.

**GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT VOTE:** **Allan Schneider - Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.** **Chairman Martin** announced the reappointment request and inquired if there were a motion.

**VOTE:** **Senator Heider** moved to send the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Allan Schneider to the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to the floor with the recommendation he be confirmed by the Senate. **Vice Chairman Riggs** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**Chairman Martin** stated that Representative Troy was not available at present. He discussed coming back to **H 688** and proceeding with **S 1399** if the Committee did not object. Hearing no objections, he invited Senator Cook to the podium.

**S 1399** **EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PROGRAM - Repeals and adds to existing law to establish the Extended Employment Services Program in the Department of Health and Welfare.** **Senator Cook** introduced himself to the Committee. He detailed the collaboration to make the 2 previous bills into 1 that was agreed upon by all parties. **Senator Cook** yielded his time to Hannah Liedkie and Christine Pisani. **Hannah Liedkie**, President-CEO, Opportunities Unlimited, introduced herself to the Committee. She thanked all of the stakeholders who came together in agreement on the new bill. **Christine Pisani**, Director, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities introduced herself to the Committee. She thanked everyone who participated in the re-write. **Ms. Pisani** informed the Committee of an omission of "by the department" on page 5 line 35 and asked if it would cause the bill to be sent to the 14th order to correct it or if the Committee could make the change.

**DISCUSSION:** The Committee asked if the omission changed the intent or if left out would have any ramifications. **Ms. Pisani** stated the difference with and without it. The Committee asked Tracie Bent to respond to the inquiry. **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, Idaho State Board of Education introduced herself to the Committee. She indicated that those words were already located on page 5, line 3. and there was not a need to add to page 5, line 35. The Committee asked for clarification. **Ms. Bent** responded that the bill as written was sufficient.

**TESTIMONY:** **Kelly Keele**, Idaho Association of Community Providers, introduced himself to the Committee. He informed the Committee that he and fellow providers supported **S 1399** and recommend it be passed.

**VOTE:** **Senator VanOrden** moved to send **S 1399** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Heider** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**H 688** **STATE-DIRECTED OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND - Amends existing law to revise a provision regarding the use of moneys in the fund, to provide that certain recommendations to the Governor made by a certain date, and to remove a provision regarding a sunset date. Representative Caroline Nilsson Troy** introduced herself to the Committee. She stated it was believed the opioid settlement fund would be a one time disbursement but the funds are coming in separate smaller disbursements. **Representative Troy** relayed that this bill set provisions on the Idaho Behavioral Health Council to make recommendations to the Governor by September 1 each year and removed the sunset date.

**VOTE:** **Senator VanOrden** moved to send **H 688** to the floor with **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator VanOrden will carry on the floor.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Vice Chairman Riggs** moved to approve the Minutes of January 24, 2022. **Senator Heider** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Lee** moved to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2022. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Heider** moved to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2022 and March 8, 2022. **Vice Chairman Riggs** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Vice Chairman Riggs** moved to approve the Minutes of March 9, 2022. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PAGE GRADUATION: Honoring Page Shayanne Richardson.** The Committee thanked Ms. Richardson for all of her hard work this session and wished her well on her future endeavors.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Martin** adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

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Senator Martin  
Chair

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Lena Amoah  
Secretary