

MINUTES  
**HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 15, 2024

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Skaug, Vice Chairman Scott, Representatives Ehardt, Young, Cannon, Erickson, Alfieri, Allgood, Dixon(24), Gallagher, Garner, Handy, Lambert, Sauter, Wroten, Gannon, Nash (Stinson), Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Skaug** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Stinson** made a motion to approve the February 13, 2024 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Skaug** put the committee at ease at 1:31pm.

**Chairman Skaug** reconvened the meeting at 1:32pm.

**H 408:** **Rep. Dixon (24)** presented **H 408** regarding volunteer ski patrol liability.

**Bill Myers**, Bogus Basin Ski Patrol, testified **in support**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wroten** made a motion to send **H 408** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee inquired regarding ski patrol standards, dues required by national ski patrol organization, competitors to the system, other relevant Good Samaritan statutes, emergency and non-emergency insurance coverage comparisons, quantity of civil liability suits brought, definition of "bike patroller," and the impact of legislation on other volunteer entities.

**Barbara Jordan**, Idaho Trial Lawyers Association, testified **in opposition**.

Committee inquired regarding other options for volunteer ski patrol protection, lack of insurance coverage, cost and availability of insurance coverage, the reasoning behind volunteer waivers, and the necessity of a volunteer ski patrol.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Dixon (24)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 518:** **Rep. Cornilles** presented **H 518** regarding penalties for Medicaid fraud.

**Jeff Nye**, Idaho Office of the Attorney General, testified **in support**.

Committee inquired regarding the cost of Medicaid fraud in Idaho, clarification of federal and state prosecution, relative punishment between federal and state convictions, and scenarios of Medicaid fraud.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **H 518** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Cornilles** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 544:** **Rep. Young** presented **H 544** regarding adoption records.

Committee inquired regarding sealed records, privacy concerns for birth parents, access to medical records and family history, application to adoptions from past agreements between birth parents and the state, impact of a paper-trail to decrease and increase adoptions and abortions respectively, and clarification of the registry process for both parties.

**Rep. Gallagher** declared Rule 80.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Ehardt** made a motion to send **H 544** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Young** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:48pm.

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Representative Skaug  
Chair

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Nancy Conrad  
Secretary