

MINUTES

**HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Monday, January 23, 2012
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW05
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Block, Vice Chairman Hartgen, Representative(s) Lake, Trail, Marriott, Thayn, Simpson, Loertscher, Nessel, Ringo, King
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Simpson
- GUESTS:** Valerie Burgess, Cameron Gilliland, Bev Barr, Genie Sue Weppner, Russ Barron, Alberto Gonzalez, Department of Health & Welfare; Landis Rossi, Christine Tiddens, Catholic Charities; LoAnn Simmons, Idaho Voices for Children; Eldon Wallace, representing himself; Kathalina Berrichoa, Beth Oppenheimer, Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYA).
- Chairman Block** called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Representative Ringo** made a motion to approve the January 17, 2012 minutes of the Simpson Rules Subcommittee. **Motion passed by voice vote of subcommittee members.**
- MOTION:** **Representative Thayn** made a motion to approve the January 17, 2012 minutes of the Marriott Rules Subcommittee. **Motion passed by voice vote of subcommittee members.**
- DOCKET NO. 16-0612-1201:** **Ms. Genie Sue Weppner**, Program Manager of the Department of Health and Welfare, reviewed the temporary rule changes outlined in **Docket No. 16-0612-1201**. The Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) provides child care subsidies for low-income families working or going to school. The rule aligns ICCP rules with other work support programs, such as food stamps and Medicaid and simplifies the calculation of activity hours of full-time and part-time care. These changes are 100% federally funded. The rule also supports families participating in work activities and self-sufficiency programs that are supported by federal funds.
- The committee posed extensive questions to **Ms. Weppner** relative to growth rates, costs, comments by parents and providers, and other issues of concern to committee members.
- Landis Bossi**, Executive Director of Catholic Charities, spoke in **support** of the rule.
- MOTION:** **Representative King** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0612-1201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 16-0602-1101:** **Ms. Valerie Burgess**, Program Supervisor for the Department of Health and Welfare in the Division of Family and Community Services presented **Docket No. 16-0602-1101**. Statute mandated by the Legislature required revision of the temporary rules governing Idaho Child Care Standards. These changes impact child/staff ratios, licensing fees, and local options for licensure.
- A question-and-answer period ensued relating to cost ratios between federal and state funds.
- MOTION:** **Representative Ringo** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0602-1101**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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Representative Block  
Chair

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Jeanne Clayton  
Secretary