

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, February 13, 2013
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW20
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood(27), Vice Chairman Perry, Representatives Hancey, Henderson, Hixon, Malek, Morse, Romrell, Vander Woude, Rusche, Chew
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None.
- GUESTS:** Paul Leary, Russ Barron, Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Sara Stout, Department of Health & Welfare; Kris Ellis, Benton Ellis; Elizabeth Criner, Veritas Advisors LLP; Lyn Darrington and Shad Priest, Regence Blue Shield of Idaho; Pam Eaton, Idaho Retailers Assn. and Idaho Lodging and Restaurant Assn.; Kerry Ellen Elliott, Idaho Association of Counties.
- Chairman Wood(27)** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Perry** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 06, 2013, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 21878C1:** **Rep. Jeff Thompson** presented **RS 21878C1**, which extends the Immunization Board sunset date to July 1, 2015.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Morse** made a motion to introduce **RS 21878C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 22027:** **Rep. Luke Malek** presented **RS 22027**, a proposed trailer bill to **S 1042** that provides legislative oversight to determine the degree of autonomy of a state-sanctioned exchange. Provisions in **RS 22027** will keep the legislature and public informed of each federal government change, maintaining the exchange's transparency. It will ensure that no exchange use fees exist without legislative approval. He emphasized that this proposed legislation provides the state authority to react immediately, including shutting down the exchange, if the ability to fight for individual rights is taken away by regulation.
- Responding to questions, **Rep. Malek** said that this legislation gives oversight to the legislature by providing for two nonvoting members, who will present legislative views to the board and report back to the legislature. He explained that any violation in either the establishment date or the eligibility limitation date for exchange federal grants would change the legislative date and require action from the Governor.
- MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Perry** made a motion to introduce **RS 22027**.
- Rep. Hixon**, in support of the motion, stated that, since most people in the state don't want PPACA, this provision assures Idaho has a say in what we do for this program.
- Rep. Morse** requested support of **RS 22027** prior to House consideration of any additional state exchange legislation.

Rep. Vander Woude questioned the ability to print a trailer bill prior to the original bill passing in the other house. **Chairman Wood(27)** said that in a recent conversation with the Legislative Services Office (LSO), it was stated that, if the original bill does not proceed, this trailer legislation would go away. Previous introductions of trailer bills after the original bill is passed by the other house have been a custom and a courtesy, with no basis in rules. **Rep. Rusche** commented that this mechanism has been used previously as a method of reassurance between the houses, since waiting to do amendments in the House may not assure the Senate that they will occur.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Chairman Wood(27) called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 22027**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Vander Woude** requested that he be recorded as voting **NAY**.

There were no further questions for **Richard Armstrong**, Director, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), who appeared before the committee as a follow up to the February 6, 2013, DHW legislative priorities presentation.

ADJOURN:

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

Representative Wood(27)
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary