

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, February 27, 2013
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW41
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Henderson, Vice Chairman Thompson, Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Batt, Agidius, Clow, Hixon, Kauffman, Monks, Morse, Stevenson, Youngblood, Smith, Rusche, Gannon
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Chairman Henderson
- GUESTS:** Woody Richards, Idaho Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association and Idaho Insurance Guaranty Association; Candie Kinch, Idaho Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association and Idaho Insurance Guaranty Association; Tom Donovan, Idaho Department of Insurance; Wes Trexler, Idaho Department of Insurance; Angela Richards, Idaho Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association and Idaho Insurance Guaranty Association; Julie Taylor, Blue Cross of Idaho
- Vice Chairman Thompson** called to the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2013. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 199:** **Bill Deal**, Director, Department of Insurance presented **H 199** Self-funded Health Care Plans for Qualified Post Secondary Educational Institutions. He said this amendment to Chapter 40, Title 41 of the Idaho Code establishes employer based, self-funded health care plans, to provide students of post secondary education institutions access to self-funded health care plans registered with the Department of Insurance. He said this legislation requires that self-funded plans are subject to state regulation, are registered with the Department of Insurance, and provide minimum essential coverage to students and dependent beneficiaries. He said this legislation further defines the terms "irrevocable trust", "post secondary institution" and "qualified actuary". He said this legislation holds self-funded health care plans for qualified post secondary educational institutions to the standards of an insurance policy with regard to organization, funds surplus, and fiduciary oversight.
- John Keegan**, Office of the Idaho Attorney General, came to the podium to answer questions regarding minimum essential benefit coverage as compared to those benefits described in the Affordable Health Care Act.
- Tom Donovan**, Deputy Directory, Department of Insurance, came to the podium to answer questions regarding types of post secondary institutions and trade schools to which this legislation applies.
- Bill Deal** returned to the podium to answer questions and conclude the presentation. He said most self-funded health care plans have a third party administrator to assist with claims processing. He said thirty-three self-funded employer based plans are currently in place in Idaho.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Morse** made a motion to send **H 199** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried with a vote of 12 AYE and 5 NAY, 1 absent/excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Thompson, Collins, Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Agidius, Hixon, Kauffman, Morse, Stevenson, Youngblood, Smith. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Batt, Clow, Monks, Rusche, Gannon. Rep. Raybould and Rep. Thompson will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

H 196: **Woody Richards** presented **H 196** Idaho Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act and the Idaho Insurance Guaranty Act Timing of Premium Tax Offsets. He said the guaranty associations generally protect claimants when an insurance company becomes bankrupt by making sure claims are covered and benefits are paid pursuant to statutory provisions in Idaho law. He said these actions are funded by fees assessed to membership of the guaranty associations. He said in return for paying these assessments, members are allowed certain tax offsets to their premium taxes over a five year period. He said this legislation clarifies the time period that these tax offsets may be initiated. He said there is no change in the amount of the tax or the tax offset as a result of these amendments.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to send **H 196** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Stevenson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 P.M.

Representative Thompson
Vice Chair

Catherine Costner
Secretary