

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 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:** Representative(s) Morse, Vander Woude

GUESTS: Noel Morin, Idaho State University Nursing Student; SeAnne Safaii, Nancy Rush, Shawn Dunnagan, Idaho Academy of Nutritionists and Dietitians

Chairman Wood(27) called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Malek** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 04, 2013, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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HCR 19: **Rep. Romrell** presented **HCR 19**, a concurrent resolution to recognize the nutrition and physical activity role in a healthy lifestyle, which will assist in grant and foundation fund requests. Registered dietitians can improve the health of Idahoans by providing nutritional education, medical nutrition therapy and counseling. There is no fiscal impact.

Being called upon to answer a question, **Dr. SeAnne Safaii**, University of Idaho, Academy of Nutritionists and Dieticians, said work is under way to promote National Nutrition Month.

Steve Rector, Pinnacle Biz Group, Representing the Academy of Nutritionists and Dieticians, asked for recognition of **Rep. Chew**, who originated the discussion.

MOTION: **Rep. Malek** made a motion to send **HCR 19** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Romrell** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1072: **Sen. Heider** presented **S 1072**. After sharing a personal experience, he emphasized that organ transplants are required by many people who have accidents or illnesses. **S 1072** sets up an Idaho Organ Donation Contribution Fund that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) can use when drivers license applicants wish to contribute two dollars to promote and support organ donation. **Sen. Heider** presented an amendment that replaces the Department of Health & Welfare (DHW) fund management with direct DMV transmittal of funds to Intermountain Donor Services (IDS).

Responding to questions, **Sen. Heider** explained the DMV collection fee is two to three percent per donation. IDS, located in Salt Lake City, has provided retrieval and delivery services for Idaho and Utah for over thirty years, with no competitors. A legislative readdress would occur if a competitor entered the area.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to send **S 1072** to General Orders with amendments attached. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Rusche** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

- S 1116:** **Sen. Heider** presented **S 1116**, legislation pertaining to first responder notification to the appropriate organ donation organizations, directs first responders to notify the Idaho State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Communications Center (StateComm) of a victim's destination. StateComm will then notify the appropriate organ procurement organization. This change provides an organized process for organ availability notification.
- Responding to committee questions, **Sen. Heider** said hectic accident scenes can prohibit timely StateComm contact. **S 1116** streamlines current procedures by the use of a central reporting location. The ISP, Idaho Fire Fighters Association, first responders, and hospital administrators were contacted and agreed with this legislation. There could be situations where it would be too late to harvest organs. A Coroner could be the first responder calling the StateComm. Prior to EMS arrival, the ISP could call the StateComm. There are no criminal or civil liabilities if the StateComm is not notified, allowing for any lack of donor information at the scene, or with the body. Idaho Drivers Licenses notate an individual's desire for organ donation. If at the scene, the license would usually remain with the body, allowing the first responders, Coroner, or hospital to call the StateComm. This legislation streamlines a time-sensitive process during a hectic situation, providing the fulfillment of a donor's wishes.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to send **S 1116** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- Rep. Rusche** commented that this bill provides a unified notification mechanism since everyone calls the StateComm. It does not state that StateComm will seek organ donation, just that they receive notification when there is evidence of a wish to be a donor. If there is no documentation that the deceased is a donor, nothing happens. The StateComm is the central coordination point, which providers need to leave them free to continue their duties at the scene of an accident.
- SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a substitute motion to send **S 1116** to General Orders.
- Vice Chairman Perry** stated her **support** of the substitute motion.
- Sen. Heider** said he will assist with any amendment language change.
- Chairman Wood(27)** said he would like a stipulation that the call would occur only when donor identification is made.
- For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.
- ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** requested a roll call vote on the substitution motion to send **S 1116** to General Orders. **Motion passed by a vote of 9 AYE, 0 NAY, and 2 Absent or Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Wood(27), Perry, Henderson, Hancey, Hixon, Malek, Romrell, Rusche, Chew. Absent or Excused: Reps. Morse and Vander Woude. Rep. Hixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Representative Wood(27)
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary