

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 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) Perry, Henderson

GUESTS: Tony Smith, Benton Ellis; Sandy Evans, and Roger Gabel, Board of Nursing
Chairman Wood(27) called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013, meeting.
Motion carried by voice vote.

S 1021: **Sandra Evans**, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Nursing, presented **S 1021**, legislation that gives the Board's Executive Director authority to share appropriate information and otherwise cooperate with law enforcement and regulatory agencies. The existing limited authority hampers cooperation during criminal and disciplinary investigations. This is information that is deemed that, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction or an immediate threat to public health and safety. This same authority has been granted to twenty-nine other regulatory boards within the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses and similar to authority has been granted to the Boards of Medicine and Accountancy. There is no fiscal or licensing fee impact.

Responding to a question, **Ms. Evans** said the Board takes action when violation complaint allegations are substantiated. She gave an example of information sharing when an individual is licensed in more than one state, practices in both states, and may present a risk. Immediate notification to the other state board would be important.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to send **S 1021** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Answering another question, **Ms. Evans** said they use the same data banks as physicians, along with a central data bank at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

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

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Wood(27)** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1021** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Hixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Representative Wood(27)
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary