

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Romrell, Vander Woude, Beyeler, Redman, Troy, Rusche, Chew

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Packer

**GUESTS:** Kathryn Turner, IDHW Division of Public Health; Patrick Guzzle, IDHW Food Protection; Tom Donovan, Dept. of Insurance; Jim Low and Mitch Royer, Food Producers of ID; Julie Taylor, Blue Cross of ID; Jamie Teeter and Casey Moyer, IDHW; Dan Bockson and Tony Poinelli, IAC/Public Health District; Woody Richards and Angela Richards, AHIP; Colby Cameron, Sullivan & Reberger.

**Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**RS 23476:** **Rep. Clark Kauffman**, representing the Cottage Food Industry, presented **RS 23476**. Health districts have allowed cottage foods sales, although district regulation has been inconsistent. This proposed legislation adds a new Idaho Code section to allow those in the cottage food industry to produce, process, and sell from unlicensed home kitchens. A concise definition of the cottage food industry is provided, along with appropriate standards. It ensures public sales, online and in person, are direct from the producer. Maximum flexibility is given to the producer, while the health districts are given clear standards already defined in the Idaho Food Code.

Answering a question, **Rep. Kauffman** said the Department of Health and Welfare has been vetted in this proposed legislation from the beginning.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Troy** made a motion to introduce **RS 23476. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 23464:** **Rep. Christy Perry**, District 11, presented **RS 23464**, proposed legislation developed by a prescription drug work group and the Office of Drug Policy. It allows for possession of an opioid antagonist. This is a component of prescription pain relief medicine and is present in illegal drugs. Access provides product use to reverse, at least temporarily, an illegal opioid overdose and get help to that person.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Chew** made a motion to introduce **RS 23464. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 23486:** **Rep. John Rusche**, District 6, presented **RS 23486**. The state has a universal vaccine program, where the state buys all the vaccines, at the lower government price, and distributes them to providers. The carriers and third party administrators are then assessed for their cost share of the dispensed childhood vaccines. When the program began, it was given a sunset date to review its effectiveness. Because the full impact of the Affordable Care Act on this program is unclear, the board is requesting the sunset date be extended for two more years.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Beyeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 23486. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 33:** **Casey Moyer**, Program Manager, Division of Behavioral Health, presented **H 33**. This legislation repeals two Idaho Code (I.C.) Regional Behavioral Health Services Act and federal regulations sections. The section establishing the Regional Advisory Committees is being removed pursuant to their merge with the mental health boards to form Regional Behavioral Health Boards, already in statute. I.C. 39-308, relating to the records of those in treatment, is removed because it is superseded by Federal laws and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 33** 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 9:21 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary