

MINUTES  
**SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 26, 2015

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW54

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Heider, Vice Chairman Martin, Senators Lodge, Nuxoll, Hagedorn, Tippetts, Lee, Schmidt and Lacey

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Heider** welcomed everyone in attendance and convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

**UC REQUEST:** **Chairman Heider** asked for Unanimous Consent to print **RS 23655** and to be sent to Judiciary and Rules. There were no objections.

**Chairman Heider** and **Vice Chairman Martin** explained the purpose of this RS and why it was on the agenda. **Chairman Heider** asked for unanimous consent to send RS 23655 to a privileged committee for a print hearing. There were no objections.

**UC REQUEST:** **Senator Schmidt** asked for unanimous consent to print **RS 23704** and to be sent to Judiciary and Rules. There were no objections.

This legislation contains two policy changes. As it is now, the CAP Fund can only pay for hospital and provider services. CAP cannot pay for patients in skilled care facilities. This legislation changes the statute to allow patients to be moved to a skilled care facility and have indigent funds applied to their costs. Another change defines the application, to ensure that the indigent fund is used as a last resort.

**Chairman Heider** asked for unanimous consent to send **RS 23704** to a privileged committee for a print hearing. There were no objections.

**H 33** **Relating to Substance Abuse: Casey Moyer**, Program Manager with the Division of **Behavior Health**, presented **H 33**. **Mr. Moyer** said there were two major changes. Section 39-303A talks about regional advisory committees. Such committees have been absorbed into regional health boards and are no longer in existence. The second change is the removal of Section 39-308. This is related to the confidentiality of patient records. Since the laws initial passage, additional federal regulations established a standard of confidentiality and practice that is far beyond that contained in this section (see attachment 1).

**MOTION:** **Senator Lee** moved to send H 33 to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Schmidt** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. Senator Heider will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**HCR 5:** **Relating to American Diabetes Month: Janet Trujillo**, Representative for District 33 covering Idaho Falls, presented **HCR 5**. She began by stating that this concurrent resolution is meant to bring diabetes awareness to Idaho. There are 100,000 Idaho adults living with diabetes, 84,000 with pre-diabetes and 15,000 mothers with gestational diabetes. It is the seventh leading cause of death in Idaho. Insulin has become one of the most studied molecules in history. Sir Fredrick Grant Vanting is said to be the first person to use insulin on a human. His birthday is in November, and for that reason the American Diabetes Month is in November. Nursing students from Idaho State University will be in Walgreens in the Idaho Falls area during the month of November to present public awareness. She challenged the Committee to get involved in similar awareness programs in Idaho. A letter in support from Walgreens was provided (see attachment 2). **Representative Trujillo** asked to have **HCR 5** sent to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation.

**Chairman Heider** indicated that two people were going to testify on behalf of **HCR 5**.

**TESTIMONY:** **Sonja Schrever**, Chief of the Bureau of Environmental Health, Department of Health and Welfare (Department), testified in support of **HCR 5**. She said the Department of Health and Welfare maintains an Idaho Diabetes Prevention and Control Program and this resolution would support many of those programs. The Department plans to support Diabetes Awareness Month. Marketing materials will be distributed during November and that information is connected to evidence-based programs showing the need for diabetes prevention.

**TESTIMONY:** **Pam Eaton**, President/CEO of Idaho Retailer's Association and independent pharmacists, spoke in support of **HCR 5**. Walgreens has committed to working with any Legislator in any district where a Walgreens exists to promote Diabetes Awareness Month. Other commitments have been made from other pharmacies as well. Many pharmacies are currently involved in diabetes testing and counseling year round. Pharmacies are interested in helping communities control this disease. She encouraged the passage of **HCR 5**.

**Chairman Heider** asked how Committee members could get involved in Diabetes Awareness Month. **Ms. Eaton** said she would notify the Legislators of the plans the pharmacies have in their areas to promote diabetes awareness in November. They are open to ideas by the Legislators.

**Chairman Heider** turned the time back to Representative Trujillo.

**Representative Trujillo** stated that testimony from one of her constituents would be attached to the minutes (see attachment 3). Information regarding driving safely with diabetes was provided (see attachment 4).

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Martin** moved to send **HCR 5** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Tippets** seconded the motion. The motion carried **byvoice vote**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business **Chairman Heider** adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

---

Senator Heider  
Chair

---

Erin Denker  
Secretary

---

Sharon Pennington  
Assistant Secretary