

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 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:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Perry
GUESTS: Sheila Pugatch and Lisa Hettinger, Medicaid; Norm Semanko, Moffatt Thomas / Intermountain Hospital.
Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
RS 23880: **Norm Semanko**, Representing Intermountain Hospital, presented **RS 23880**, proposed legislation that creates a reimbursement methodology for adolescent mental health services. The methodology is higher than the current reimbursement rate, but not as high as the one used for hospitals.
Jeff Morrell, CEO, Intermountain Hospital, further presented **RS 23880**. This legislation covers psychiatric hospitalization and will open up 15 to 17 beds to serve adolescents within an appropriate facility.
The changes apply only to the state reimbursement portion. The Department of Health and Welfare has been in agreement with the change. In this type of facility the daily room charge is an all-inclusive rate.
MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 23880**.
Responding to questions, **Mr. Morrell** said the current methodology works well in a pavilion-type or large patient care facility, but not in the smaller psychiatric facilities.
VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 23880**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary