

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 17, 2016

**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:** None

**GUESTS:** Corey Surber, St. Alphonsus; Mike McGrane, Idaho Nurses Assoc./Nurse Leaders; Toni Lawson, Idaho Hospital Assoc.; Nora Carpenter, United Way; Russ Duke, Central District Health; Sandy Evans and Andrea Amzalone, Board of Nursing; James Turner, LINC Idaho; Donna Yule, IPEA; Mary Getchell, K. McAlister, and Lucy Sciopinich, United Methodist Women; Cay Marphant, TransForm Idaho; Kathryn McNary and Judy Halversen, Citizens; Kyle Rocks, Terry Reilly; Rev. Andrew Kukla, First Presbyterian Church Boise; Gayle Wilde, Kathy Haley, and Jill Humble, AAUW; Frank Monasterio, St. Vincent de Paul.

**Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1382:** **Sandy Evans**, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Nursing, presented **S 1382**. The Idaho Nursing Practice Act definition for the practice of nursing dates back to 1984 and no longer describes today's nursing practice. **S 1382** updates the definition to articulate the diversity of nursing settings, their variety of roles, and affirm nursing practice occurs where the recipient of services is located. This better reflects the evolution of nursing over the past 30 years, including the addition of telehealth services.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to send **S 1382** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Answering questions, **Ms. Evans** said there is no change to the nursing scope of practice. Telehealth, although physically located away from patients, provides practice at the patient's location.

**Mike McGrane**, Idaho Nurses Association, Nurse Leaders of Idaho, testified in **support** of **S 1382**. As guardians of health and public safety, the updated definition better describes what nurses are actually doing.

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

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1382** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 24756C2:** **Rep. John Rusche**, District 6, presented **RS 24756C2**, a proposed Resolution from the Interim Broadband Study Access Committee and the Department of Commerce (DOC). The committee found a lack of organization surrounding the existence or development of broadband in the state. The DOC testified they had neither the capacity nor the expertise to assume that role. **RS 24756C2** asks the DOC to develop a lead role in structuring a broadband plan and report their progress to the legislature.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 24756C2** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Rusche** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** **Chairman Wood** made a unanimous consent request to remove **RS 24759** and **RS 24760C1** from the agenda and hear them on Monday, March 21, 2016. **Rep. Perry** objected.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Perry** made a motion to remove **RS 24759** and **RS 24760C1** from the agenda and hear them on Monday, March 21, 2016. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary