

MINUTES
HOUSE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2017

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Hartgen, Vice Chairman Anderson, Representatives Harris, Holtzclaw, Horman, Packer, Redman, Kingsley, Moon, Syme, King, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Monica Young, Jennifer Hannah, Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Paul Spannknebel and Lisa Hettinger, Department of Health and Welfare

Chairman Hartgen called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

MOTION: **Rep. King** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2017, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24826: **Keith Simila**, Executive Director, Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, presented **RS 24826**, proposed legislation that clarifies that unlicensed practice of engineering or land surveying is a violation of Idaho statute.

In response to Committee questions, **Keith Simila** explained the Board's attorney recommended the specific language that was used and cited several projects erroneously done by unlicensed individuals to illustrate the need for this clarification.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Anderson** made a motion to introduce **RS 24826**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 24916: **Lisa Hettinger**, Deputy Director, Department of Health and Welfare, presented **RS 24916**, which would allow the Department to address physician recruitment and retention challenges by designating physicians employed by the Department as non-classified employees, with the potential to be paid closer to market rate. Physician job classifications have already received multiple pay line exceptions, but Ms. Hettinger stated the existing schedule remains insufficient.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Hettinger** and **Vice Chairman Anderson**, who sits on JFAC, explained the question before the Committee was whether or not to change the classification of these physician positions, not whether to approve a specific amount of money. If the Committee approved the classification change, JFAC would then be able to make specific monetary recommendations.

MOTION: **Rep. King** made a motion to introduce **RS 24916**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Moon** requested she be recorded as voting **NAY**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.

Representative Hartgen
Chair

Erica McGinnis
Secretary