

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 20, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Vander Woude, Redman, Gibbs, Blanksma, Hanks, Kingsley, Zollinger, Chew, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude

GUESTS: Michael McGrane, Nurse Leaders of Idaho

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14 and 15, 2017, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Chairman Wood** made a unanimous consent request to hear **S 1139aa** before **H 11aaS**. There being no objection, the request was granted.

S 1139aa: **Rep. Caroline Nilsson-Troy**, District 17, presented **S 1139aa**, Legislation to provide relief to rural understaffed medical facilities by clarifying the use of non-physician practitioners for patient admissions. The medical facilities would be able to grant admission privileges to physicians, physician assistants, and advanced practice nurses.

Morgan Howard, Senate Intern for **Sen. Dan Johnson**, was invited to answer a question. The Senate amendments stipulate non-physician practitioners have admission privileges within their licenses and with the facility's governing body and medical staff oversight. DHW Rule changes will be required for physician assistants and advanced practice nurses, although privileges are already allowed through their licensing boards.

Michael McGrane, Nurse Leaders of Idaho, testified in support of **S 1139aa**. Current statute facility limitations require the facility director admit patients. This legislation clarifies and updates standards of admission, recognizing it as a process. Mr. McGrane expressed concern with the wording of the amendment to Section 2. Upon questioning he agreed it is poorly stated but does not change the structure of the bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **S 1139aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

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 1139aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 11aaS: **H 11aaS** was brought before the committee again for consideration of the Senate amendments.

Mitch Toryanski, Legal Counsel, Bureau of Occupational Licenses, on behalf of the Board of Optometry, presented the Senate amendments to **H 11aaS**. The Legislation requires every optometry licensed professional be certified to administer pharmaceutical agents, as specified. The first amendment changes the certification requirement date from January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2021. The amendment also changes the license expiration date, when a certification has not been obtained, from December 31, 2018, to December 31, 2020. A second amendment provides grandfathering to all optometrists licensed before 1990, allowing their continued practice to the end of their professional life without the authority to administer pharmaceutical agents.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to concur with the Senate amendments.

Reps. Redman, Kingsley, and Chairman Wood, spoke **in support** of the motion, although not in total agreement with the amendments. Concurrence moves the Legislation forward for the safety of the vast majority of optometry patients and prepares the way for a unified standard of practice.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to concur with the Senate amendments. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Blanksma, Perry, Zollinger, and Packer** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Chairman Wood** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary