

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

TIME: 1:30 p.m. or Upon Afternoon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Barbieri, Vice Chairman Clow, Representatives Collins, Crane, Palmer, Thompson, Hixon, Monks, Anderst, Dixon, Troy, Stevenson, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Manwaring, Smith, Kloc, Toone

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: None

Chairman Barbieri called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Kloc** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1150: **Dean Cameron**, Director, Department of Insurance, presented **S 1150**. The purpose of the bill is to amend existing law to allow for individuals with high risk medical conditions and their dependents who are enrolled in individual health benefit plans to be reinsured through the Idaho High Risk Reinsurance Pool (HRRP). The proposed changes seek to upgrade the pool in order to more effectively stabilize the market rate and help consumers by lowering risk and cost. Existing customers who had HRRP plans before April 1, 2017, would be grandfathered in. The Board would establish which medical conditions are eligible for reinsurance. The carrier would decide whether or not to reinsure and would pay the cost for reinsuring. In answer to committee questions, Director Cameron clarified that the bill is modeled after current practice and was structured to make things clearer. He identified qualifications for dependents of Idaho residents who purchase the plan.

MOTION: **Rep. Clow** made a motion to send **S 1150** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Collins** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Barbieri recognized **Nolon Largen**, our committee Page, and thanked him for his cheerful, efficient service to the committee. Nolon was presented with a gift of appreciation, a personalized blanket made by committee secretary, **Joyce McKenzie**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Representative Barbieri
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary