

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW20

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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Sharon Hawkins and John Eaton, IACI; Elizabeth Criner, ACS CAN; Cathy Hart and Judy Tayler, COA; Elaine Mellon and Tom Donovan, DOI; Mary Sheridan, IDHW  
**Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24 and 26, 2018, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25831:** **Rep. Greg Chaney**, District 10, presented **RS 25831**, a Resolution recognizing May 17th annually as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) Awareness Day. DIPG is a brain tumor with no known cause, cure, and zero percent survival rate. Approximately 200 children in the U.S. are impacted by this illness.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 25831**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25941:** **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 25941** to add \$640,000 state funding at a two-to-one match rate to the Rural Doctors State Program, subject to a Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee appropriation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 25941**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 393:** **Rep. Megan Blanksma**, District 23, presented **H 393** to add self-funding insurance plan members to the Idaho Immunization Assessment Board, extend the sunset date by five years, and remove the late or non-payment interest requirement. This Legislation does not impact the immunization processes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Perry** made a motion to send **H 393** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Sharon Hawkins**, Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, testified **in support** of **H 393**. This is a self-governing volunteer board who insures assessments are accurate and 100% of monies received are spent on vaccines for Idaho families.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hanks** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 347:** **Cathy Hart**, State Long-term Ombudsman, Commission on Aging (COA), presented **H 347**. This Legislation clarifies terminology, access, the distinct and separate Ombudsman entity, and representation of the resident's interest.

Answering questions, **Ms. Hart** stated the Ombudsman can enter any facility at any time to investigate a complaint. The independent entity clarification allows them to make a stand on behalf of residents without first getting the COA's permission. A case does not need to be opened to make contact with a resident or their representative. The facility notification is moved and expanded further in Rule. These changes align with federal law.

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

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to send **H 347** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hanks** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary