

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Wagoner, Representatives Vander Woude, Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Zollinger, Christensen, Green(2), Lickley, Chew, Rubel, Davis

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Rob McQuade, Kelley Packer, and Maurie Ellsworth, IBOL; Mary Leonard, IBOL/NHA; Christine Pisani, DD Council; Tami Cirerol, ICOA; Tiffany Robb, BSU Center for Study of Aging; Judy Taylor, Commission Aging; Chris Thomas and Dillon Gechty, Caribou Memorial Hospital

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

RS 26422: **Judy Taylor**, Administrator, Commission on Aging, presented **RS 26422**. This proposed legislation provides statutory authority to implement the most effective, efficient, and quality program to prevent or diminish the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of vulnerable adults. Changes include definitions and terminology. The amendments allow providers implementation of the best protective services model for Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to introduce **RS 26422**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Wood turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Wagoner**.

**DOCKET NO.
24-2601-1801:** **Roger Hales**, on behalf of the Idaho Board of Midwifery, presented **Docket No. 24-2601-1801**. Changes include updated incorporated document references, deleted grandfather licensure language, and the requirement for a current certification in adult, infant, and child cardiopulmonary and neonatal resuscitation.
For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Davis** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2601-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
24-0901-1801:** **Roger Hales**, on behalf of the Board of Examiners and Nursing Home Administrators, presented **Docket No. 24-0901-1801**. Changes reduce the nursing home and training program to one thousand hours. Two reports, one after each five-hundred-hours of training, are required. Answering questions, he stated signed supervisor reports attest to facility time spent in training and the areas emphasized.
For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0901-1801**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
24-1901-1802:** **Roger Hales**, on behalf of the Idaho Board of Examiners and Nursing Home Administrators, presented **Docket No. 24-1901-1802** to allow consideration of applications received seven days prior to the board meeting. Also updated are activity notices, along with continuing education (CE) requirements, waivers, and carry overs. The temporary permit rule changes align with federal law and allow immediate practice. In response to questions, he explained applicants not meeting requirements are sent letters thirty days in advance of the application denial.
For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1901-1802. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1101-1801: **Roger Hales** on behalf of the Idaho Board of Podiatry, presented **Docket No. 24-1101-1801.** Changes eliminate prior grandfathered language no longer applicable and expand the CE qualifying classes for license renewal to include online classes and address rural physician travel needs. He said, in reply to a question, home study must be approved and justified for appropriateness and reasonableness.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1101-1801. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Green(2)** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1901-1801: **Roger Hales**, on behalf of the Idaho Board of Residential Care Facility Administrators, presented **Docket No. 24-1901-1801** to help nursing home administrators licensed in Idaho become licensed as residential care administrators (RCA). The changes include experience in a nursing home facility as a qualifier for an RCA license along with either one-year nursing home leadership, management experience, or passing a test.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1901-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0301-1801: **Maurie Ellsworth**, General Counsel, Bureau of Occupational Licenses, on behalf of the Board of Chiropractic Physicians, presented **Docket No. 24-0301-1801.** The changes update, simplify, clarify, and implement previous legislation to expand clinical nutrition practice.

Licensure removal by endorsement is revised to allow board consideration on an individual basis. Updates align with current license renewal expiration law while clarifying the inactive status procedure, reinstatement fee, and return-to-active status. CE is clarified to include distance learning, a carry-over option, and when board approval is applicable. Board approval of new schools of chiropractic medicine is removed since it is done through a national accreditation body.

Answering questions, **Mr. Ellsworth** stated the board-approved online CE training was determined acceptable in light of telehealth usage. Inactive license standards needed to encompass more and give licensees a clear path to reinstatement while maintaining public safety. During inactivity, the CE is not required.

The required licensure exam has proven to be a deterrent for persons having practiced for a long time in other states who wish to move to Idaho. Providing the flexibility to assess competency is not redundancy and removes barriers to Idaho licensure. Applicants must demonstrate educational background and have met all the practice standards of the state from which they are moving. The change allows the board to tailor a licensure path for an individual.

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

MOTION: **Rep. Zollinger** made a motion to reject **Docket No. 24-0301-1801.**

Reps. Rubel and **Green(2)**, spoke **in support** of the motion. Concern was expressed regarding the hands-on nature of the profession and allowing any non-hands-on CE. The objective set of standards has a subjective potential. All licensed professions must be held to the same standards.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Wagoner** called for a vote on the motion to reject **Docket No. 24-0301-1801. Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gibbs, Lickley, and Vice Chairman Wagoner** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Representative Wagoner
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary