

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Martin, Vice Chair Souza, Senators Heider, Lee, Harris, Burtenshaw, Bayer, Jordan, and Nelson

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairman Martin** called to order the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) at 3:01 p.m.

The Committee called Kevin C. Boling, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, regarding his reappointment to the Board of Environmental Quality (Board). Unable to reach him, **Chairman Martin** suggested proceeding with the next gubernatorial reappointment.

GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT: **Reappointment of Leonard "Nick" Purdy, Picabo, Idaho, to the Board of Environmental Quality (Board).** Mr. Purdy was interviewed via phone. **Mr. Purdy** stated that he owns small businesses in Picabo, and had received a few national accolades for his work on the environment. He indicated that as a small business owner, he is knowledgeable on the code, rules, and standards of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) which will help him give good recommendations to the Board. He expressed his aim to make the Board procedures more efficient, and at the same time protect the environment.

In response to Senators Harris' and Heider's questions, **Mr. Purdy** attested that the Board has done its due diligence to serve the public and the environment efficiently, but acknowledged that there are a few issues the Board should discuss this year. He articulated his satisfaction to see the general public enjoy Idaho surroundings.

S 1305 **Relating to Psychologists; To Revise A Provision Regarding Supervision Agreements And To Make Technical Corrections.** **Kris Ellis**, Idaho Psychological Association, stated that **S 1305** amends a section of Idaho Code § 54-2317. This legislation adds family physician to the list of approved supervisors who help in managing the prescription of psychotropic medications. It also eliminates the specialized training language, and replaces it with a minimum of two-years experience as one of its requirements. She emphasized that these amendments have been discussed with Idaho State University and the Idaho Medical Association.

In response to Senator Lee's question, **Ms. Ellis** recognized that the current language allows physicians to administer the management of psychotropic medications but does not specifically include family physicians in the roster. She introduced **Ken McClure**, Idaho Medical Association and Idaho Psychiatric Medicine, to elaborate on **S 1305**. **Mr. McClure** assured the Committee that this legislation is not a change in the scope of practice but merely a clarification of the prior law. With the recent advent of The Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine, there is a significant demand for preceptors in Idaho. This legislation would allow the appropriately trained instructors to oversee all prescribing psychology students.

MOTION: **Vice Chair Souza** moved to send **S 1305** to floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Heider** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT: **Reappointment of Kevin C. Boling, Couer d'Alene, Idaho, to the Board of Environmental Quality (Board)**. Mr. Boling was interviewed via phone. **Mr. Boling** introduced himself and stated that this will be his third reappointment to the Board. He mentioned that he had worked with DEQ to oppose regulations imposed by Idaho's neighboring states, and as a result, Idaho had developed better environmental rules and regulations. With his background in forestry and manufacturing, **Mr. Boling** ensured that he will act on behalf of Idaho citizens to design efficient rules and regulations related to the environment.

Vice Chair Souza and **Senator Harris** applauded Mr. Boling for his broad affiliations, efforts, and experiences, and asked him to expound on how those experiences will help him as a member of the Board. **Mr. Boling** answered that over a period of time, he had learned a lot of things, particularly finding common grounds with fellow board members, but still holding his own position and point of view in some issues.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Martin** adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Senator Fred S. Martin
Chair

Margo Miller
Committee Secretary

Rellie Wisdom
Majority Staff Assistant