

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 12, 2020

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

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Wagoner, Representatives Vander Woude, Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Zollinger, Christensen, Lickley, Remington, Chew, Rubel, Davis

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Gibbs, Zollinger

**GUESTS:** Jack Miller, Elizabeth Hoyt, and Joyce Broadsword, DHW; Lori Burelle, SW ID NOW; Jeff Buel, JoJ; Terrell Swift, J/J; Soraya Mazloomi, Private Citizen, Doula; Durlyn Derer, Irene Ruiz, and Melissa Morales, Self

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

**RS 27680:** **Rep. Caroline Nilsson Troy**, District 5, presented **RS 27680**, regarding missing or murdered indigenous people. Because indigenous women face the highest rates of violence, awareness needs to be increased. Predators may target native women and girls because they are seen as marginalized and outside of the protection of the regular legal system. This proposed legislation designates a day of awareness and supports efforts to research and find solutions to make a difference to the Native American people.

**Tyrel Stevenson**, Legislative Director, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, further presented **RS 27680**. He described the national efforts to study and address this issue. Idaho stakeholders and government agencies continue to collaborate for solutions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 27680** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 27683:** **Rep. Caroline Nilsson Troy**, District 5, presented **RS 27683**, proposed legislation to establish a Yellow DOT Program to alert emergency medical responders and the police to a vehicle driver's or passenger's medical information. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will develop a form to be retained in glove boxes and a yellow dot sticker for their cars.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Davis** made a motion to introduce **RS 27683.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 27682:** **Rep. Britt Raybould**, District 34, presented **RS 27682**, proposed legislation to include electronic smoking devices into the definition of tobacco products. There are no direct use fees or taxes included, although the Department of Health and Welfare is directed to establish retail permit fees.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 27682.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 27653:** **Rep. Jake Ellis**, District 15, presented **RS 27653**. Suboxone has been used as part of the medication assisted treatment for opioid addiction. It has been proven to normalize brain chemistry, eliminate withdrawal symptoms, be safely used on a long-term basis, and prevent relapsing. Unfortunately, current federal law requires an X waiver before it can be prescribed. This proposed Joint Memorial seeks to remove barriers and allow easier use of Suboxone by physicians.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 27653.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 27610:** **Rep. Megan Blanksma**, District 23, presented **RS 27610** to leverage grant and federal funds for Medicaid home visitation reimbursements. This is a voluntary program. All seven health districts already use the models.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to introduce **RS 27610**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**SCR 126:** **Rep. Megan Blanksma**, District 23, presented **SCR 126**. This proposed legislation directs the establishment of a collaborative Behavioral Health Council involving all three branches of state government. The current delivery method for mental health and substance abuse disorders can be both disjointed and inadequate to meet community needs. This resolution endorses creation of a thirteen member Idaho Behavioral Health Council to develop a statewide strategic plan for coordination and effective use of all available resources. Creation would be by this concurrent resolution, an Executive Order by the Governor, and a Proclamation of the Supreme Court. Findings and recommendations would be expected to be reported back by February 1, 2021. Through this effort coordinated behavioral health services can be offered in a more effective manner when Idahoans need them.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to send **SCR 126** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

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

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **SCR 126** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary