

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 13, 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:** None

GUESTS: None

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

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27607: **Rep. Caroline Nilssen Troy**, District 5, presented **RS 27607**, a concurrent resolution recognizing August 6, 2020, as Women's Suffrage Day, in honor of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. Idaho has a proud history of recognizing the importance of women in all areas of our communities.

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to introduce **RS 27607**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27662: **Rep. Megan Blanksma**, District 23, presented **RS 27662**, regarding the compensation determination for Health District Board Directors. The seven health districts, which are not government agencies, are governed by a board whose membership is determined by the individual health districts' county commissions. This proposed legislation clarifies the District Board, not the governor, sets the compensation. Answering a question, she said the board sets the budgets and hires the directors.

MOTION: **Rep. Davis** made a motion to introduce **RS 27662**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 27717: **Rep. Megan Blanksma**, District 23, presented **RS 27717**, which is a reiteration of the previous legislation for the No Surprises Act. It broadens the patient's choice to use an out-of-network provider when receiving care in an in-network facility.

MOTION: **Rep. Vander Woude** made a motion to introduce **RS 27717**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 438: **Rep. Priscilla Giddings**, District 7, presented **H 438** to amend Idaho Code by repealing those sections which make it a misdemeanor offence if newborn data is not provided to the state. Fathers helping wives give birth at home are, unknowingly, in violation of this code. Removals include outdated and unused sections and subsections, including the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) Director's reporting responsibility. Since its enactment, there have been over 600 qualifying home births.

MOTION: **Rep. Zollinger** made a motion to send **H 438** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

During committee discussion concerns were raised regarding the possibility of any section numbering changes and their impact to valid referenced section numbers. Contact with the DHW verified there have been no misdemeanors issued as a result of this section of code.

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

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Chairman Wood called for a vote on the motion to send **H 438** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Giddings** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Wood and the committee recognized and thanked our committee page, **Jaycee Dixon**, for her help during the first half of the session.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary