

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020

**TIME:** 8:00 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) Blanksma, Christensen

**GUESTS:** Matthew Conde, AAA; Wayne Denny, EMS/DHW; Brian Whitlock and Toni Lawson, IHA; Corey Surber, Saint Alphonsus; Elke Shaw-Tulloch, IDHW; Melinda Smyser, ODP

**Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2 and 3, 2020, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1332:** **Rep. Terry Gestrin**, District 8, presented **S 1332**. This legislation creates a new ambulance service district funding mechanism and a better option for communities on county lines. Residents would vote for any new districts during the May or November election dates. Governance by the Board of County Commissioners is replaced by an independent commission. This legislation's effective date is July 1, 2020. A maximum 4.04% levy rate will be used for the funding mechanism, with a higher rate only by the vote of the people.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to send **S 1332** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Wayne Denny**, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness, responded to committee questions. Adams county has two separate ambulance districts. The current law allows a city to remove itself from the ambulance district, without relieving the citizens from paying the tax. This creates questions regarding who provides what service where. This legislation allows cities to opt in for the formation of a new district.

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

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1332** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 616:** **Brian Whitlock**, President, Idaho Hospital Association, presented **H 616**. There is general agreement in the value of a statewide health care registry with immediate access and easy updates. These legal documents share medical care wishes when an individual is incapacitated and unable to communicate. Moving the existing registry to the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) provides a single HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) compliant technology platform, increases the number of documents available within the registry, and allows easy retrieval by providers. The one-time budget request of \$350k will allow purchase and set up of the new system. The \$150k annual cost request includes software license renewals and personnel.

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to send **H 616** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1348** **Rep. Mike Kingsley**, District 6, presented **S 1348**. This legislation increases the Prescription Management Program's (PMP's) effectiveness to combat opioid misuse by requiring a review of a patient's prescription drug history prior to prescribing opioid analgesic or benzodiazepine. Exempted patients are those in inpatient settings, emergency scenes, ambulances, hospice care, or a skilled nursing home care facility.

Invited to answer a question, **Nate Fisher**, Office of the Governor, said the October 1, 2020, start date aligns with the federal requirement.

**Matthew Conde**, AAA Idaho, testified **in support** of **S 1348**. It is important individuals taking prescriptions are aware of how they impact operating a motor vehicle. Seniors take seven or more medications for their quality of life. The PMP allows doctors to quarterback their patients to assure medication usage is safe.

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Davis** made a motion to send **S 1348** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kingsley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary