

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Vice Chairman Furniss, Representatives Crane, Palmer, Barbieri, Armstrong, DeMordaunt, Clow, Andrus, Nichols, Adams, Bundy, Ferch, Galloway, Mitchell, Shepherd, Berch, Green

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Brian Whitlock, Idaho Hospital Association, Susie Keller, ID Medical Association, Tim Frost, Division of Occupational Licenses (DOPL), Russ Barron, DOPL, MiChell Bird, DOPL, Misty Lawrence, Division of Financial Management (DFM), Katie Thibadeau, Westerberg Associates

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Berch** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 42: **Rep. Monks** presented **H 42**, legislation relating to the Idaho Patient Act, to create an extension for collection actions and services provided to patients prior to July 1, 2021. He stated the benefits to approving this legislation would provide relief to the medical community, give additional time for all systems to be up to date, and also solve concerns and problems with the Idaho Patient Act. Additionally, he stressed the importance of the combined efforts of the agencies involved.

In response to a Committee question, **Rep. Monks** stated that collections can still continue and consolidation services will still be provided.

Those speaking **in support** were **Brian Whitlock**, Idaho Hospital Association; and **Susie Keller**, ID Medical Association.

MOTION: **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 42** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Whitlock** stated that costs for software modifications would vary and the potential to track those costs in the future.. He also stated that transparency is still in reference to the Idaho Patient Act and that there weren't provisions in place in case the medical community is unable to meet the July 1, 2021 deadline. All efforts were being made to meet the additional extension deadline despite the disadvantages COVID-19 presented.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Russ Barron, Division Administrator, Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (IDOPL), presented and explained the reorganization of IDOPL, as listed in Executive Order 2020 - 10. Mr. Barron stated 11 new agencies were under IDOPL and explained the beneficial results of the reorganization. He continued, explaining where the agency was currently in the reorganization process and listed the main objectives for the agency to achieve a successful transition: determining the best organizational structure, moving all staff located in the Treasure Valley to the Chinden Campus, and to make necessary legislative changes that would update responsibilities and structure for the success of the new Division. He also provided the fiscal impact estimated for the reorganization project.

In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Barron** stated the possibility of tracking other cost reductions, that he was not included in the decision in the new configuration for the agencies listed under IDOPL, clarified how choosing a new building software was still being determined, provided the figures previously given for the project, and the reasoning behind why the support of boards management was organized as it is.

Rep. DeMordaunt expressed gratitude and acknowledged the work that was done during the Interim to accomplish the transition.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Mackenzie Gibbs
Secretary