

MINUTES

## SENATE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW54

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Patrick, Senators Martin, Lakey, Guthrie, Agenbroad, Riggs, Ward-Engelking, and Burgoyne

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Vice Chair Souza

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Patrick** called the meeting of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee (Committee) to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Chairman Patrick** announced due to technical problems items would be taken out of order on the agenda.

**GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT:** **Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of Cynthia Fairfax, Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board (IHIEB) - Your Health Idaho (YHI). Ms. Fairfax** gave a brief overview of her background.

**DISCUSSION:** In response to questions from the Committee about what Ms. Fairfax had learned, she responded there was a time when she did not understand YHI. She noted she learned how to apply for insurance.

Senator Burgoyne asked questions about Ms. Fairfax's involvement in the IHIEB committees, if she had anyone mentoring her, what sparked her interest in the IHIEB, and what motivated her to serve on the IHIEB. **Ms. Fairfax** responded she was involved in the Finance Committee, which was the most complex and interesting. Because she knows some of the IHIEB members she became interested in how the process worked and a commitment she thought she could manage. **Ms. Fairfax** stated as a physician she saw people and recommended a course of action, but some may walk away due to lack of insurance. In answer to a question from Senator Burgoyne, **Ms. Fairfax** stated a combination of current systems would work to improve and provide equal access to medical care.

**Senator Lakey** queried what were some of the big issues to tackle in the next couple of years. **Ms. Fairfax** indicated education was one of the biggest issues in terms of disseminating information to others as to what was accessible and available.

**Chairman Patrick** announced the gubernatorial vote to confirm Ms. Fairfax to the IHIEB would take place at the next meeting.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Burgoyne** moved to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2022. **Senator Lakey** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**Senator Riggs** moved to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2022. **Senator Agenbroad** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**Senator Burgoyne** moved to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2022. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT VOTE: Committee Vote on the Gubernatorial Appointment of Lori Wolff, Administrator, Idaho Division of Human Resources (IDHR).**

**MOTION:** **Senator Martin** moved to send the gubernatorial appointment of Lori Wolff, Administrator, IDHR, to the floor with the recommendation she be confirmed. **Senator Agenbroad** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT: Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Jerry Edgington, Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board (IHIEB) - Your Health Idaho (YHI).** **Chairman Patrick** stated this gubernatorial reappointment hearing would be scheduled for the next meeting due to technical difficulties.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Patrick** adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

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Senator Patrick  
Chair

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Linda Kambeitz  
Secretary