

MINUTES
HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 04, 2022
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW40
MEMBERS: Chairman Crane, Vice Chairman Armstrong, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Monks, Scott, Andrus, Young, Furniss, Hanks, Skaug, Gannon, Mathias
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

S 1272: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **S 1272** which allows a person to apply for a charitable donation of liquor with the intent to raise funds for said charity.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to **HOLD S 1272** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 29743: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **RS 29743** which is the same as **S 1272**, only it suspends the \$20 fee in the original bill.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 29743** and recommend it be sent directly to the second reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barbieri** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 705: **Rep. Monks** introduced **H 705** regarding possession of firearms, which is a continuation of **S 1262** that has already been passed into law. This bill is in regards to 46-601 of Idaho Code, which was not included in **S 1262**.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **H 705** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Monks** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

HR 19: **Rep. Scott** presented **HR 19** which is a House Resolution urging the Supreme Court to overturn their ruling regarding abortion. In her presentation, Rep. Scott stated that each state should make their own decisions regarding abortion, and this resolution urges the Supreme Court to give Idaho that privilege. Rep. Scott provided the example that a lot of states have ignored the federal court's decision regarding the use of marijuana, and she stated much like that, each state should have the chance to make their own decisions.

MOTION: **Rep. Barbieri** made a motion to send **HR 19** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Blaine Conzatti and David Ripley both testified in support of the resolution, and both mentioned it is the duty of this bill to protect the lives of the unborn.

Chelsea Gaona-Lincoln and Mistie DelliCarpini-Tolman both testified in opposition to the resolution. The common conclusion was that all individuals should be able to make decisions regarding their own body. There were also comments that there are bigger problems the legislature should focus on.

Rep. Armstrong voiced his strong support for the resolution, and asked that it be on the record.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Mathias requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Scott** will sponsor the resolution on the floor.

MOTION:

Rep. Young made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 11, 23, 24, 25, 2022 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 675:

Rep. Skaug presented **H 675** which amends the existing ban on female genital mutilation and adds puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and sex reassignment surgeries when administered to children struggling with gender dysphoria. The concern is that these medical interventions are almost always irreversible, some can potentially sterilize children and mutilate healthy body organs. Rep. Skaug stated that gender dysphoria is a term applied by psychologists to describe individuals who are confused by their sex. He also stated treatment for children struggling with gender dysphoria should be counseling and talk therapy, and it is not intended to take away treatment from children; it is a bill to help them get proper treatment. Rep. Skaug stated that children are too young to make the decision to change their gender, and explained that the law doesn't allow for underage children to get a tattoo, drink alcohol, or sign a legal contract.

Blaine Konzatti testified **in support** of the bill. In response to committee questions, Mr. Konzatti stated that he was unaware of any incidences, in the United States, where individuals who were allegedly harmed sued their doctors.

Kaitlyn Nevel, Andrew Perkins, Calvin Udall, Eve Michelle, Alicia Abbott, Joe States, Lauren Bramwell, Chelsea Gaona-Lincoln, Susie Keller, all testified **in opposition** of the bill. Many testified that they have friends, children, family members who are transgender and this would hinder their ability to become who they feel they are meant to be. There was also mention that this is a removal of rights for those individuals who are transitioning or wishing to transition. Some individuals testified that they are in the process of transitioning, and that some of the information regarding sterilization is incorrect. Another concern was the criminalization of otherwise legal and evidence based medical care performed by physicians.

Sebastian Griffin, Erin Brewer, Billy Burleigh, Ted Hudacko, Dr. Quentin Van Meter all testified **in support** of the bill. The common conclusion was that children under the age of 18 should not be able to access cross-sex hormones, puberty blockers, and gender altering surgery.

Dr. William Malone testified **in support** of the bill. He is a practicing adolescent and adult endocrinologist. He stated that there is no factual evidence that puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and gender altering surgery decreases the rate of suicide, or improve the mental health of children suffering from gender dysphoria. He stated that lawsuits are ongoing due to the regret they feel following the altering surgery. In response to committee questions, Dr. Malone stated that he is aware of minors being prescribed puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, sex reassignment surgeries, etc. to underage children happening in Idaho.

Rep. Skaug declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

In conclusion, **Rep. Skaug** re-capped the impact of the testifiers and the information they provided.

MOTION:

Rep. Andrus made a motion to send **H 675** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Gannon stated his **opposition** of the bill, and how this bill will hurt people and take away their medical freedom. He stated this bill is well intended but too far out of reach.

Rep. Mathias also stated his **opposition** of the bill, saying there is a physician shortage in Idaho, and this bill turns them into criminals for doing something that is evidence-based. He stated this is taking away parental rights, and that their mental health and suicide attempts will be most helped through therapy. He stated the most helpful thing the legislature can do to help children is to stop passing bills like **H 675**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Rep. Mathias made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 675** in committee. **Substitute motion failed by voice vote.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

Original motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Gannon and Mathias requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Skaug** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Representative Crane
Chair

Haley Villa
Secretary