

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Wednesday, March 09, 2022
- TIME:** 8:30 AM - Note Earlier Time
- PLACE:** Room EW20
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Vander Woude, Representatives Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Christensen, Lickley, Erickson, Ferch, Mitchell, Chew, Rubel, Burns
- 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 Wood** called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3 and 8, 2022, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 29787:** **Rep. Megan Blanksma**, District 23, presented **RS 29787**. This proposed legislation sets forward operational rules during a Crisis Standards of Care (CSOC) declaration. It addresses concerns raised during the pandemic and clarifies visitation for patients in hospitals. She asked for a change on page 2, line 33, to replace the word "honored" with "applied." This change is at the request of stakeholders.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to introduce **RS 29787** with an amendment as follows: Replace on page 2, line 33, the word "honored" with the word "applied." **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- S 1260:** **Senator Melissa Wintrow**, District 19, presented **S 1260**. This legislation helps address work staff shortages by allowing a contraception prescription to be filled for up to a six-month supply. New prescribers will receive up to a three-month supply. Stipulation is made for the non-inclusion of drugs, devices, or products intended to induce abortion as defined in Idaho Code.
- Answering questions, **Sen. Wintrow** said extra supplies could be disposed of in prescription disposal drop boxes. The insurance plans include student health plans. This medication requires a specific use schedule and this legislation insures there is no supply interruption. The law currently only allows providers to prescribe up to three months of product.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **S 1260** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
- ROLL CALL
VOTE:** The voice vote was unclear. A roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, 5 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Wood, Vander Woude, Gibbs, Lickley, Erickson, Chew, Rubel, Burns. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Blanksma, Kingsley, Christensen, Ferch, Mitchell. Rep. Green will sponsor the bill on the floor.**
- S 1304:** **Rep. Gibbs**, District 32, presented **S 1304**. Rural and small Idaho counties often have one funeral home. By statute a mortician wishing to be elected as the county coroner must be in a county with two or more funeral homes. This legislation adds an exemption for counties with a population of fewer than 20,000 residents.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **S 1304** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1284: **Jason Kreizenbeck**, on behalf of Altria and its affiliates, presented **S 1284** to raise the minimum age for purchase of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices from 18 to 21 years of age, consistent with federal law. It also makes it lawful for employees aged 19 to 21 to distribute these products within their scope of employment. The minimum age increase is the most effective way to address the underage trend for the use of tobacco and vaping products. The differences between federal and state requirements has led to confusion in retail operations. This legislation also aligns these products with other adult products.

Pam Eaton, President, CEO, Idaho Retailers Association, testified **in support of S 1284**. Retailers have been complying with federal law. The discrepancy between state and federal law can lead to confusion and confrontation within the stores. This helps provide uniformity.

MOTION: **Rep. Lickley** made a motion to send **S 1284** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Vander Woude declared rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

Rep. Kingsley commented if 18 is the age to go into the army, then it should also be the age limit for this type of choice.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1284** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Christensen, Erickson, Mitchell,** and **Ferch** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary