

MINUTES  
**SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 16, 2023

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** WW54

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman VanOrden, Vice Chairman Zuiderveld, Senators Harris, Bjerke, Wintrow, and Taylor

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Senator Lee

**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 VanOrden** called the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 3:00 p.m.

**WELCOME:** **Chairman VanOrden** welcomed everyone to the first meeting. She noted Senator Lee was absent and the secretary would take a silent roll call. She made a short announcement there were several administrative rules and bills to be reviewed this session, as they had received several RS already.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** **Chairman VanOrden** introduced herself to the Committee and she would like everyone on the Committee to introduce themselves, beginning with Senator Bjerke.

**Senator Carl Bjerke** introduced himself as a new Senator to District 5. He noted his medical background in respiratory therapy, as he ran an EMS program for about 15 years. He retired as a Deputy Fire Chief from Santa Monica and grew up in Long Beach, California. He moved his family to Idaho in 2014.

**Senator Harris** introduced himself as Mark Harris, who represents legislative District 5. He is glad to be here.

**Senator Zuiderveld** introduced herself as the new, new Vice Chair, representing District 24.

**Senator Wintrow** introduced herself as Melissa Wintrow, who had served the Legislature for 8 full years in her second term with the Senate. She represented District 19, was very passionate about the health and welfare of our citizens.

**Senator Taylor** introduced himself as Ron Taylor, the new Senator in District 26. He had lived in Hailey for the last 40 years, and had a background in fire and EMS. He retired after a twenty seven year career as a captain and paramedic.

**Ms. Michelle Tierney** introduced herself and stated she was native to the area, as her family is the ninth generation of individuals who lived here.

**Ms. Brooklyn Mann** stated she was from Parma, where her family had a farm with a dairy and calf replacement program that she worked during the summer. This is her senior year at Parma High School. She plans on attending Brigham University after she graduates.

**DISCUSSION:** **Vice Chairman Zuiderveld** instructed each committee member should have their assignments, as she had separated all the rules to each of them.

**Chairman VanOrden** asked if there were any further questions on the rules review for Vice Chairman Zuiderveld, as she wanted to make sure everyone had a copy of the rules for review. She noted there were procedures in each folder, and any discussion needs to go through the Chairman, as she does expect that of presenters as well. She further noted remote testimony was available for Committee meetings, which provides the opportunity for individuals to sign in remotely to testify on pieces of Legislation. She further stated the screens would be down so the Committee could see them when testifying.

She instructed the Committee to watch their e-mail for agendas to see what was available. She further noted if there were people who wanted to testify and needed to know how to do that, they could contact the Committee secretary for assistance. Video was also available for those who would like to watch what the Committee is doing, which was a great transparency piece.

**Senator Bjerke** asked what the difference between a heavy strike-out on a blue line and a lighter strike out.

**Vice Chairman Zuiderveld** stated the blue was basically not being removed, it's being moved to other areas where they believe it fits better with other dockets. A member of the audience offered assistance.

**Chairman VanOrden** called **Josh Scholer**, legal counsel to the Department of Finance (DFM) to the podium. He explained he oversaw all of his agency's rule making and legislation. He noted that if you have a regular, Non-Zero-Based regulation chapter, it should be the standard blue strike through line and then the red underline, as he was not exactly sure of what the Senator was referring to, then asked the Senator to further explain her question.

**Vice Chairman Zuiderveld** gave an example of a whole Chapter marked out in blue. She believed from the notes the Chapter is being moved, not removed.

**Mr. Scholer** responded there were a couple of things in front of the Committee this year for review. First, there were the Fee Rules that needed approved, then explained the Zero-Based Regulation Chapters that were also up for review. If the Chapter was being moved, he was unsure of where it was moved from or to, as he did not want to give her the wrong information, so he would need to look at it first. He was happy to speak with her after the Committee meeting. **Chairman VanOrden** agreed to Mr. Scholer's request for review.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman VanOrden** adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

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Chairman VanOrden  
Chair

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Michelle Tierney  
Secretary