

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2023

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

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

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairman VanOrden** called the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 2:59 p.m.

GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT VOTE: **Vote on Gubernatorial Appointment of Jess Byrne, Director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).** **Chairman VanOrden** moved to send the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Jess Byrne as Director to the Department of Environmental Quality to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 29991C1 **Relating to Health Rights.** **Senator Foreman** introduced himself to the Committee. **Senator Foreman** explained this legislation added a new section to Idaho Code § 39-9004, which supported the Idaho Health Freedom Act. **Senator Foreman** advised that the proposed legislation was meant to help people by codifying the way they want and need to be treated by medical care providers and to a lesser degree by the state with respect to medical issues. He noted the enforcement for this legislation could be found in Idaho Code § 67-1405, gave the Attorney General to seek injunctive action against violators.

MOTION: **Vice Chair Zuiderveld** moved to send **RS 29991C1** to print. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous **roll call vote**.

RS 29970 **Relating to the Parental Freedom Act.** **Chairman VanOrden** announced a change in the agenda; the deletion of **RS 29970**, which was pulled by the sponsor.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman VanOrden** adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Senator VanOrden
Chair

Michelle Tierney
Secretary