

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 19, 2023

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Blanksma, Kingsley, Mitchell, Dixon(24), Gallagher, Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Chew, Rubel, Roberts

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Chairman Vander Woude, Representative Blanksma

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

**Chairman Erickson** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**DOCKET NO. 16-0504-2101:** **Heather Cunningham**, Acting Executive Director, Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance (IDVVA) presented **Docket No. 16-0504-2101**, pertaining to the administration of grants. The chapter rewrite changes the distribution of funds to better address the needs throughout Idaho.

During discussion, the committee expressed concern with the chapter rewrite not reflecting all of the redlines.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0504-2101**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made a substitute motion to **HOLD Docket No. 16-0504-2101** for time certain to be determined by the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 16-0506-2201:** **Fernando Castro**, Program Supervisor, DHW Criminal History Unit, presented **Docket No. 16-0506-2201**. The changes clarify the background check process, remove outdated items, remove notarization requirements, update references, and update the disqualifying crimes list to mirror Idaho Code. A new category of three-year disqualifying crimes has been added to allow better access to employment.

The implementation cost is expected to be \$8,000 for the unit's name change to "Background Check Unit" on the website, administrative code, and social media. This cost would be covered with funds in the program's operational budget.

Answering questions, **Mr. Castro** explained fees would be waived in cases such as foster parents and Department employees. Of the 30,000 background checks processed, approximately 1,200 are waived.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0506-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

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Representative Erickson  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary