

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 31, 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:** None

**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 Vander Woude** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30115C2:** **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **RS 30115C2**, which provides a method to attract and support more medical providers through the addition of a one-year "bridge year physician" limited license. The collected fees will offset any administrative costs incurred by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon (24)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30115C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30138:** **Rep. Julianne Young**, District 30, presented **RS 30138**, which brings Idaho statute into alignment with the intent of visitation rights legislation passed in 2022.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 30138**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30091:** **Rep. Julianne Young**, District 30, presented telehealth interstate proposed legislation for behavioral and mental health access. Allowed during the pandemic, this telehealth method has proven very effective.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 30091**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 30136:** **Rep. Julianne Young**, District 30, presented **RS 30136**. This proposed legislation for counselors addresses situations when the care decisions conflict with the counselor's beliefs. Transfer of care to another counselor is included.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 30136**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Vander Woude** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.

**DOCKET NO. 16-0504-2101:** **Vice Chairman Erickson** brought **Docket No. 16-0504-2101**, which was held at its original hearing on January 19, 2023, before the committee for reconsideration.

**Heather Cunningham**, Executive Director, Council on Domestic Violence, presented **Docket No. 16-0504-2101**, which is a zero-based regulation chapter rewrite. The changes streamline the chapter, taking need and demand into account.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0504-2101**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Erickson** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Vander Woude**.

**Chairman Vander Woude** presented the committee members with a copy of the Medicaid expansion continuation recommendation letter to the legislature (Attachment 1). Some of the ideas will be addressed through drafting legislation to assure implementation and action.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon (24)** made a motion to approve the Medicaid expansion continuation recommendation letter.

Answering a question, **Chairman Vander Woude** said the letter is from the committee and not subject to any editing or changing by anyone in the legislature.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Rep. Gallagher** requested a roll call vote on approval of the Medicaid expansion continuation recommendation letter. **Motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE 3 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Erickson, Kingsley, Mitchell, Dixon (24), Healey, Wheeler, Rubel, Roberts, Vander Woude. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Gallagher, Redman, Chew. Rep. Blanksma was absent/excused.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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Representative Vander Woude  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary