

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 01, 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.

RS 30124: **Kelli Brassfield**, Idaho Association of Counties (IAC), presented **RS 30124** to repeal the county catastrophic (CAT) and indigent programs as directed by the 2022 legislature. The continuation of funds from seat belt fines will extend the programs' board for three months. Thereafter, settlements will be collected by county commissioners.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon (24)** made a motion to introduce **RS 30124**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30128: **Tim Olson**, Pinnacle Business Group, representing Teladoc, presented **RS 30128**. To better establish the patient provider relationship. Mr. Olson requested the committee return **RS 30128** to the sponsor because a replacement piece of legislation is being produced.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to return **RS 30128** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Keith Bybee, Division Manager, Legislative Services Office (LSO), Budget Policy Analysis, presented the Department of Health and Welfare's (DHW) budget review process and reports. He said the proposed budget incorporates some of the Governor's recommendations.

Jill Randolph, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst, LSO, presented tools to understand the DHW budget which includes 29 supplemental requests and 43 line enhancements. Budget information is found on the LSO website and includes a deep dive section for detailed information for each decision unit.

The DHW's twelve divisions comprise six appropriation bills. Fund sources include general funds (7%), dedicated funds (12%) and federal funds (70%). The summary sheet shows multiple fiscal years, actual funds received, and projections.

The LSO single audit report indicates the funds awarded and provided to recipients. Expense classes are: personnel costs, operating expenditures, capital outlay, and trustee and benefit payments.

The appropriations bill breaks down funding by the expense classes and funding source. Included on the bill are two additional delineations for self-reliance operations and benefit payments. The fiscal note lists enhancements and specific breakdowns.

Public Health Services has five unique programs listed on the appropriations bill. They are physical health services, suicide prevention, emergency medical services, healthcare policy initiatives, and laboratory services.

The budget is built from the comparative summaries of each division. The deep dive information includes both the agency and governor's requests for ongoing or one-time funds.

The first items listed on the comparative summary are supplemental requests. One-time requests are not included in the base operational costs.

Legislative personnel decisions include personnel benefit costs, statewide cost allocations, and changes in employee compensation. The item numbering reflects their order of importance. Human resources consolidation is unnumbered and listed in every budget request.

There are four programs within the Medicaid Division: coordinated plan (65+ and dual-eligibles), enhanced Medicaid (children & adults with special health needs), basic (pregnant women) and the expansion plan (138% federal poverty limit). Additional available reports show the budget and caseloads for each program, the expenditures by service grouping, and separated tracking information for traditional and expanded Medicaid.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary