

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Mitchell, Healey, Wheeler

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 30285: **Rep. Julianne Young**, District 30, presented **RS 30285**, which includes allowance for the cost of personal protective equipment (PPE) during visitations to be passed onto the visitors. This aligns with essential care givers and other legislation for protecting visitation rights.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 30285**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 30205: **Brody Aston**, representing Voices for Children, presented **RS 30205** to increase the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage for pregnant women and children in order to be closer to the national average.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 30205**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

RS 30223: **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 30223** to repeal Medicaid Expansion. This proposed legislation opens the discussion regarding the program's actual costs and benefits.

MOTION: **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 30223**. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Roberts, Rubel, and Hoy** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary