

MINUTES  
**SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW54

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

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator Harris

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman VanOrden** called the meeting of the Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 3:00 p.m.

**H 3** **PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS - Amends existing law to revise definitions and to remove requirements regarding supervisory registration. Representative Wheeler** informed the Committee this Bill accomplished the following:

- eliminated the unnecessary supervising physician's license
- cleaned up definition language regarding physicians assistants (from S 1093)
- removed an outdated requirement for a licensed physician to obtain a supervising physician registration
- removed the obsolete annual board report requirement to the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee
- cleaned up the statute properly to reference the Occupational Licenses Fund

**DISCUSSION:** **Senator Lee** asked how many pathways for unlicensed individuals could have been provided for with the proposal. **Representative Wheeler** stated there were roughly 9,100 licensed physicians in Idaho that carried a supervising physician license. 33 of those were current, and roughly 1,900 were inactive because physicians have discovered that particular license was not needed as their standard license allowed for supervision.

**MOTION:** **Senator Taylor** moved to send **H 3** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Vice Chairman Zuiderveld** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**H 4** **UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding controlled substances. Tim Frost**, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, explained the bill independently reviewed the Drug Enforcement Administration's controlled substance scheduling decisions for 2022.

**MOTION:** **Senator Wintrow** moved to send **H 4** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Lee** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**H 5**

**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE - Repeals existing law relating to the Food Stamp Revolving Fund, which is no longer in use. Josh Scholer, Bureau Chief, Idaho Division of Financial Management,** explained this bill removed an obsolete chapter in Idaho Code, Title 56, Chapter Five, that established a food stamp revolving fund in 1941. That Fund was empty and had not been used for several years.

**Senator Lee** asked how much money was in the Fund, how long it took to drain, and how long it had been empty. **Mr. Scholer** replied he would get back to her with that information.

**Senator Wintrow** moved to send **H 5** to the floor with a do pass recommendation. **Vice Chairman Zuiderveld** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chairman VanOrden** adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

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Senator VanOrden  
Chair

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Michelle Tierney  
Secretary