

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 20, 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 9:01 a.m.

S 1028: **Judy Taylor**, Director, Commission on Aging, presented **S 1028**. This legislation for vulnerable adults has been simplified and modernized through updates in terminology, caregiver language, definitions, and layout. Answering a question, she said vulnerable adults can consent to any or all of the voluntary services.

MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to send **S 1028** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Healey** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SCR 101: **Rep. Megan Blanksma**, District 8, presented **SCR 101**, a concurrent resolution for the development of an emergency medical services (EMS) statewide plan for a consistent system for all EMS providers.

Shawn Rayne, Chief, Ada County Paramedics, Member, EMS Sustainability Task Force, testified **in support** of **SCR 101**. The task force will return next year with legislation to address the various struggles and issues faced by Idaho's EMS.

Responding to a question, **Rep. Blanksma** explained **SCR 101** provides continuation of the committee. Monthly sub-committee meeting costs are paid from dedicated funds.

Fred Birnbaum, Idaho Freedom Foundation, testified **in opposition** to **SCR 101**, sharing concern the task force's request for \$700k is a down payment for ongoing annual requests. He suggested the task force present a plan direction first.

In closing remarks, **Rep. Blanksma**, said Idaho needs a project plan and there is no funding request included.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **SCR 101** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary