

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 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 1072: **Sen. Chuck Winder**, District 20, presented **S 1072**. He shared the story of a friend's wish to relocate his parents' remains, appoint a designee witness, the mortician's denial to allow the witness, and the legal efforts needed to grant the request. This legislation clarifies current language to allow a third party witness and establish who can designate the witness. This allows the family to have representation to assure the body is treated properly and verify the condition of the body. A licensed mortician is still required during the removal.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to send **S 1072** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Healey** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary