

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Monday, January 22, 2024
- 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 (Wilson), Rubel, Roberts
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Blanksma
- 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.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon(24)** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15 and 16, 2024, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 30956:** **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 30956** to expand the bridge physician licensure program and relieve the bottleneck of physicians getting into Idaho.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to introduce **RS 30956**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 30959:** **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 30959**, proposed legislation to require several program integrity and cost-saving measures be implemented in Medicaid. These measures would be a condition for the continued expansion of eligibility to able-bodied adults to assure Medicaid is serving those truly in need.
- Answering a question, **Rep. Redman** stated the enrollment would be prioritized on a first-in first-out basis for the expansion population only.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 30959**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Vander Woude** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.
- DOCKET NO.  
24-3301-2301:** **Nicki Chopski**, Health Professions Bureau Chief, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), Executive Officer, Board of Medicine, presented **Docket No. 24-3301-2301** to address legislative changes made in 2023 which resulted in the removal of the registration requirement for supervising physicians and the addition of a temporary registration for certain experienced international medical graduates. The fee table is simplified with no new fees.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3301-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO.  
24-3601-2301:** **Nicki Chopski**, Health Professions Bureau Chief, DOPL, Executive Officer, Boards of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, presented **Docket No. 24-3601-2301**, for the Board of Pharmacy. The proposed rule change allows delegation of compounded drug verification to appropriate support personnel.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3601-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 24-4001-2301:** **Nicki Chopski**, Health Professions Bureau Chief, DOPL, representing the Board of Naturopathic Health Care, presented **Docket No. 24-4001-2301**, a new fee chapter resulting from 2022 legislation for the creation of the Naturopathic Health Care Board. This chapter adds legal authority and scope. The new fee table lists initial and annual renewal fees for licensure and registration. It is anticipated the fees will maintain the board in a stable financial position.

**Dr. Brian Barry**, President, Naturopathic Physicians Association of Idaho (NPAI), testified in support of **Docket No. 24-4001-2301**. He thanked everyone who promulgated the rules and asked for the committee's support.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-4001-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 24-3101-2301:** **Stephanie Lotridge**, Program Manager, Licensing and Registration, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-3101-2301**, on behalf of the Board of Dentistry. The proposed changes reflect a comprehensive review, with public collaboration, to streamline or simplify the rule language for better understanding. The updates comply with governing statute and Executive Order 2020-01.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3101-2301**.

Answering a committee question, **Ms. Lotridge** verified the final copy numbering changes remain sequential. The changes allow the dentist to select the type of supervision best suited for the individual hygienist.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3101-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**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 9:33 a.m.

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Representative Erickson  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary