

MINUTES  
**SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 22, 2024

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

**PLACE:** Room WW54

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair VanOrden, Senators Lee, Harris, Bjerke, Zuiderveld, Wintrow, and Taylor

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

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

**DOCKET NO. 16-0103-2301** **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Agency Licensing Requirements (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Proposed Rule. Jathan Nalls**, Program Manager, Systems of Care, Idaho Bureau of EMS and Preparedness, stated extensive changes to the chapter were made due to many of the rules being outdated, confusing, and no longer needed. The changes included elimination of the current "operational declarations." as they were included in a new licensing model that incorporated agency primary responsibilities. **Mr. Nalls** relayed the Minimum Equipment Standards, and the EMS Agency Standards Manual had been updated and incorporated by reference.

**DISCUSSION:** In response to Committee questions, **Mr. Nalls** confirmed special pathogens transport was a new service addition that an agency could train for and provide, but there were no funds budgeted at this time. He explained the changes were related to state regulations, federal laws, and analysis of other states' programs.

**MOTION:** **Senator Bjerke** moved to approve **Docket No. 16-0103-2300**. **Senator Taylor** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO. 16-0102-2301** **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) - Rule Definitions - Proposed Rule. Jathan Nalls** stated updates included removal of old definitions and the addition of new definitions as a result of the rewrite of Docket No. 16-0103-2301.

**MOTION:** **Senator Taylor** moved to approve **Docket No. 16-0102-2300**. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT:** **Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Dr. John MacMillan of Twin Falls, Idaho, to the Board of Environmental Quality, commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring July 1, 2027. Dr. John MacMillan** stated his background was in fish pathology and water quality issues and he had been a professor of veterinary and aquatic animal medicine. **Dr. MacMillan** relayed he had been part of the Board since its inception in 2000.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chair VanOrden** adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m.

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Senator VanOrden  
Chair

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Secretary