

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 05, 2024

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Senator Wintrow

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CONVENED: **Chair VanOrden** called the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 3:03 p.m.
Chair VanOrden announced there were guests attending the meeting from Full Circle Health Family Medicine.

INTRODUCTIONS: **Liz Woodruff**, Executive Director, Idaho Academy of Family Physicians, introduced herself. She was joined by multiple second year family medicine resident students and explained the students were in a section of their residency learning to advocate for themselves and their patients. **Doctors Jeff Pennings, Emma Hall, Megan Phelps, and Dempsey Butler** introduced themselves to the Committee and provided where they were from and their plans for after residency.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chair VanOrden passed the gavel to Senator Lee

RS 30940 **Relating to Adoption Proceedings.** **Senator VanOrden** stated that the legislation was a rewrite from the previous year. Currently out-of-state residents were required to live in Idaho for 6 consecutive months before filing for a petition of adoption for a child from foster care. She stated that in cases involving child protection the in-State restriction would be removed.

MOTION: **Senator Harris** moved to send **RS 30940** to print. **Senator Taylor** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Senator Lee passed the gavel back to Chair VanOrden

RS 30941 **Relating to Temporary Care Assistance Program.** **Senator Lee** stated that the classification for a temporary caregiver needed to be added to Idaho statute in order for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to complete a background check. The background check was required by the Department of Health and Welfare in order to place a child with a temporary caregiver instead of placing the child in a foster home.

MOTION: **Senator Taylor** moved to send **RS 30941** to print. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

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

Senator VanOrden
Chair

Lena Amoah
Secretary