

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 19, 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 3:03 p.m.

INTRODUCTION: **Page Introduction: Alexis Marshall.** **Chair VanOrden** stated the Committee had a new page Alexis Marshall and asked her to introduce herself. **Ms. Marshall** stated she was from Arimo, a small town 30 miles south of Pocatello. She planned to go to Gillette College on a soccer scholarship after high school.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Harris** moved to approve the Minutes of January 16, 2024. **Senator Bjerke** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Lee** moved to approve the Minutes of January 17, 2024. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Taylor** moved to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2024. **Senator Zuiderveld** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Senator Harris** moved to approve the Minutes of January 23, 2024. **Senator Taylor** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

S 1354 **HEALTH - Amends existing law to establish provisions for electroconvulsive treatment (ECT) for children.** Senator Lee stated the bill would change the age for ECT to 12. She relayed that people from Idaho were having to travel to Utah or other states for the procedure. Dr. Jacob White was a provider of this treatment and explained what it entailed.

In response to Committee questions, **Dr. White** stated he was part of a group of 5 doctors. He explained that the procedure was used in addition to medication. Insurance carriers covered the procedure for patients 18 and older, but did not know if they would cover from age 12-18. **Dr. White** explained that one side effect was a memory loss gap for the day of the treatment.

TESTIMONY: **Gina White** testified in support of the bill. She provided the details of her daughter's struggles and the success of the ECT treatment. **David Lehman**, representing Cottonwood Creek, explained the section of the bill that dealt with informed consent of a voluntary admission and the involuntary treatment requiring a court order. **Dee Carter** testified in support of the bill. He relayed his personal experiences and undergoing ECT multiple times.

MOTION: **Senator Harris** moved to send **S 1354** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Taylor** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE
GAVEL:**

Chair VanOrden passed the gavel to Senator Lee.

S 1355

MEDICAID - Adds to existing law to establish a medicaid legislative review panel. **Senator VanOrden** explained that during the interim there was a Medicaid committee. There were a number of contracts being administered in the State and the information was not getting back to the Legislature. The committee recommended a medicaid legislative review panel be put in place to review the contracts.

DISCUSSION:

In response to Committee questions, **Chair VanOrden** agreed that the panel would be looking at performance measures, which could include customer service, access, and quality of care. She relayed that the panel could check on the waivers and see what progress had been made or what are barriers there were.

MOTION:

Senator Harris moved to send **S 1355** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Taylor** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chair VanOrden** adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Senator VanOrden
Chair

Lena Amoah
Secretary