

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 08, 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 (Schmick), Rubel, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Blanksma, Healey

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.

H 670: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **H 670**, which makes a statement against forced harvesting of organs for specified population groups. This legislation also protects American citizens' DNA and health privacy.

Michael Lucci, Founder, CEO, State Armor, further presented **H 670**, to address this ongoing practice in China and the use of genomic and DNA companies within the U.S. American DNA, a valuable tool for pharmaceutical solutions, is also collected for bioweapon targeting. The Chinese strategy is total economic dependency on any products with a dual, including military, use. Due to the ease of access, U.S. citizens are travelling to China for transplants.

Answering questions, **Mr. Lucci** said this legislation addresses a serious issue before it becomes a problem for our military, utilities, and citizens. Chinese based companies and equipment are now being placed on federal banned lists.

Hui He, Falun Dafa Association of Idaho, testified **in support** of **H 670**. She described the Chinese Communist Party's method for targeting the Falun Gong population as a form of extinction and organ harvesting. This practice has now been extended to the Uyghurs and other vulnerable groups. China has become the top organ tourism destination. Some U.S. universities have played a role by training Chinese transplant surgeons and participating in transplant research with Chinese hospitals.

MOTION: **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to send **H 670** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Chairman Vander Woude turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.

**DOCKET NO.
16-0602-2301:** **Julie Sevcik**, Program Manager, Policy and Program Development, Department of Health and Welfare(DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0602-2301**, which was previously held in committee. The requirements in Section 201, which were previously identified as in need of clearer definition, have been improved as temporary definitions to assist staff and foster parents better understand the intent of this chapter. These definitions will be presented in the rulemaking next session. She asked the committee to reject Sections 010.08 and 402.02, which are in conflict with Idaho Code Section 39-1202.

MOTION: **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0601-2301** with the exception of Sections 010.08 and 402.02 which are inconsistent with foster care definitions and legislative intent. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0601-2301: **Chairman Erickson** returned **Docket No. 16-0601-2301** to the committee for further review.

MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to reject **Docket No. 16-0601-2301** in its entirety because it consists of non-negotiated and policy changes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1401-2301: **Chairman Erickson** returned **Docket No. 24-1401-2301** to the committee for further review.

MOTION: **Rep. Dixon(24)** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1401-2301** with the exception of Section 450.2.a which is not required in statute. **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.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary