

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 08, 2025

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair VanOrden, Vice Chairman Bjerke, Senators Harris, Zuiderveld, Lenney, Shippy, Blaylock, Keyser, and Wintrow

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 3:02 p.m.

WELCOME: **Chair VanOrden** welcomed the Committee to the session and introduced the new Committee secretary, Rebecca Kozlowski.

INTRODUCTION: **Abigail Williams**, Senate Page, then introduced herself. **Ms. Williams** relayed she was a senior at Oakley High School. She enjoyed track and field and volleyball, and participated in her school's Future Farmers of America Organization and student council. **Ms. Williams** was sponsored by Senator Harris.

DISCUSSION: **Chair VanOrden** stated that regular meetings for the Committee would begin on Monday, January 13th. **Vice Chair Bjerke** invited the Committee to begin reviewing the rules for the Department of Health and Welfare and stated they would be presented next week. **Senator Zuiderveld** petitioned for time between the presentation of rules and the vote to allow the Senators a thorough review. **Vice Chair Bjerke** concurred, stating that the vote to adopt rules could be flexible and determined after the presentation.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chair VanOrden** adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Senator VanOrden
Chair

Rebecca Kozlowski
Secretary