

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, January 24, 2025

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, McCann, Rasor, Thompson, Rubel, Egbert

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative Fuhriman

**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 8:00 a.m.

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

**RS 31896:** **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 31896**, a repeal of Medicaid expansion.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 31896**.

Responding to questions, **Rep. Vander Woude** stated restoration or development of catastrophic or indigent funds can be evaluated should this proposed legislation be approved.

Concern was expressed by committee members regarding the consequential costs of this repeal. This proposed legislation is in opposition to the wishes of Idaho voters. An economic outlook for the repeal consequences was suggested.

**Rep. Vander Woude**, responding further, said the program costs, which were originally stated to be \$32M, are now at \$110M. A closer look at the programs, funding, and causes for the increase is needed. It is possible the federal government may decrease the 90/10 split to the standard 70/30 split. This would increase the Idaho portion by another \$2M.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 31896**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Rubel** and **Egbert** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

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

**RS 31973:** **Rep. Bruce Skaug**, District 10, presented **RS 31973**, the Medical Ethics Defense Act, which protects moral or ethical beliefs. Through this protection for the health care industry, it is anticipated workers will enter the field.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 31973**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31958:** **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **RS 31958**. This proposed legislation for sudden cardiac arrest training requests the school districts implement awareness policies for parents and coaches of student athletes. The training resources already exist through online modules and materials. Each district can tailor their programs to align with their needs.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 31958**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

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Representative Vander Woude  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary