

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 10, 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

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CONVENED: **Chair VanOrden** called the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 3:00 p.m.

RS 32220 **Relating to Psychologists. Senator Harris** discussed that this legislation removed unnecessary barriers to streamline the practice of psychology in the State of Idaho.

MOTION: **Senator Shippy** moved to send **RS 32220** to print. **Senator Bjerke** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 32214 **Relating to Waste Tire Disposal and Recycling. Senator Harris** mentioned there were twenty-two abandoned tire piles throughout the State. This legislation incentivized recyclers to dispose of the tires. It provided partial reimbursement for the cost of transporting, processing and recycling, along with funding to the Department of Environmental Quality to administer this act.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Wintrow** inquired if this related to the presentation on tires to the 2024 Committee. **Senator Harris** responded they had presented on the topic. **Senator Bjerke** asked about associated fees and funding. **Senator Harris** replied this legislation would add a slight 50 cent fee to currently fees associated with tire disposal. Other states had \$1.50 fee, and **Senator Harris** felt 50 cents was reasonable.

MOTION: **Senator Wintrow** moved to send **RS 32214** to print. **Senator Bjerke** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. **Senator Zuiderveld** wished to be recorded as voting nay.

RS 32351 **Relating to Juvenile Proceedings. Senator Galloway** stated this legislation amended timelines and provisions to the Child Protective Act. It shortened time between custody hearings, thereby placing foster children in the proper home more quickly.

MOTION: **Senator Keyser** moved to send **RS 32351** to the Senate floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Zuiderveld** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 32348 **Relating to Residential and Assisted Living. Senator Blaylock** introduced this legislation updated regulations for Idaho's residential and assisted living facilities by eliminating outdated and unnecessary provisions in Idaho code. This ensured that facility administrators and staff could prioritize patient care over paperwork while maintaining essential health and safety standards.

MOTION: **Senator Harris** moved to send **RS 32348** to print. **Senator Keyser** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 31947C1 **Relating to Medical Records.** **Senator Ricks** stated this legislation provided one free copy of medical records to those applying for Social Security Disability Insurance.

MOTION: **Senator Wintrow** moved to send **RS 31947C1** to print. **Senator Blaylock** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PRESENTATION: **"This or That? What Do I Feed My Kids?": Highly Processed vs Whole Foods and Their Effect on Health.** **The American Falls FFA Agriculture Issues Team** presented their findings on the benefits and costs of eating processed foods. They weighed potential benefits such as affordability and ease of preparation with the downsides of health risks and potential food addiction. Overall, the students found that the decision of what to eat was personal and complex with no one right answer.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Blaylock** asked for the most eye-opening fact the FFA students found during their preparations. One student replied to think more critically about food-related messages in the media. **Senator Bjerke** asked how they would apply what they learned moving forward. An additional student responded she would look at proper sources such as the National Institute of Health to find accurate information. **Senator Wintrow** and **Senator Shippy** noted how impressed they were by the students' presentation. **Chair VanOrden** thanked them for coming.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chair VanOrden** adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Senator VanOrden
Chair

Rebecca Kozlowski
Secretary