

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

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

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Senator Lenney

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CONVENED: **Chair VanOrden** called to order the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) meeting at 3:01 p.m.

H 89 NURSES - Amends existing law to revise a definition. Representative Healey explained this bill revised the definition of appropriate tasks for a registered nurse (RN) to delegate to a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

DISCUSSION: **Senator Shippy** drew attention to language in the Statement of Purpose that differed from the bill text. He asked clarification on the content of an appropriate delegated focused assessment. **Representative Healey** informed that delegating appropriate assessments included things within the scope of an LPN practice. For example, an intake assessment would not be appropriate for an LPN, whereas a follow-up assessment would be an appropriate delegated focused assessment.

MOTION: **Senator Blaylock** moved to send **H 89** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

S 1051 FAMILY LAW - Adds to existing law to establish provisions regarding good cause determination in license suspension proceedings and to repeal certain administrative rules. Senator Shippy stated this bill moved Section 302 of the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act 16.03.03 relating to Child Support Services into statute. It also removed Temporary Assistance for Needy Families as a good cause exception.

MOTION: **Senator Harris** moved to send **S 1051** to the floor with a **do pass** recommendation. **Senator Keyser** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PRESENTATION: **Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM). Tracy Farnsworth**, President and CEO, provided an update on ICOM's history, progress, and impact, highlighting Idaho's low physician per capita ranking and the need for more medical providers (Attachment 1). **Mr. Farnsworth** further discussed ICOM's success in student admissions, program growth, and partnership with Idaho State University. **Student Doctor Annie Lorelei Hoffman** and **Student Doctor Joshua Morcom** shared their experience at ICOM and the value of medical school options in Idaho.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Wintrow** asked for guidance on the aging population of Idaho and legislative foresight in response. **Dr. Farnsworth** spoke of the need to pivot toward disease prevention and health promotion and not just disease treatment, which was most of current medical practice.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chair VanOrden** adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Senator VanOrden
Chair

Rebecca Kozlowski
Secretary