

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, January 08, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	

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HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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 9:00 a.m.

He then welcomed the members, who introduced themselves. **Kaitlyn Cook**, the committee page, was also introduced and welcomed.

The committee was encouraged to use the next few days to review the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) Administrative Rules before they are presented on January 14th and 15th.

Vice Chairman Erickson explained the streamlined DHW Administrative Rules presentation method which will occur the same days as those for the Senate Health and Welfare Committee.

Chairman Vander Woude explained a review of any existing Administrative Rule can be requested by any member. He then detailed the Administrative Rules review privilege, purpose, and process.

Reps. McCann and Egbert volunteered to be proofreaders for the committee's minutes.

Chairman Vander Woude explained the electronic committee process, RS discussion parameters, motions, acronyms, and reintroduction of legislation requirements. Testimony, which may have a time limit, will be available both in person and remotely. The committee was instructed to always turn on their microphones and wait to be recognized by the chair before asking any questions.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
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AGENDA
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Room EW20
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
16-0314-2401	Dept. of Health & Welfare Rules Introduction Hospitals (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Pending Rule	Alex Adams, Director Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief
16-0601-2402	Child and Family Services - Temporary	
16-0601-2403	Child and Family Services - Temporary Rule	
16-0601-2404	Child and Family Services - Temporary Rule	
16-0601-2405	Child and Family Services - Pending Rule	
16-0602-2401	Foster Care Licensing - Temporary and Pending Rule	
16-0602-2402	Foster Care Licensing - Temporary and Pending Rule	
16-0602-2403	Foster Care Licensing - Temporary and Pending Rule	
16-0101-2401	Emergency Medical Services - Pending Rule	
16-0102-2401	Emergency Medical Services - Pending Rule	
16-0105-2401	Emergency Medical Services - Pending Rule	
16-0107-2401	Emergency Medical Services - Pending Rule	
16-0112-2401	Emergency Medical Services - Pending Rule	
16-0201-2401	Idaho Time Sensitive Emergency System Council - Pending Rule	
16-0202-2401	Emergency Medical Services - Pending Rule	

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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MOTION: **Chairman Vander Woude** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Thompson** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Dr. Alex Adams, Director, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), gave a synopsis of the DHW's improved direction, emphasis, and how Administrative Rule changes will return decision making to Idaho lawmakers.

DOCKET NO. 16-0314-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0314-2401**, to repeal hospital licensing requirements which already exist in Title 39 Chapter 13 of Idaho Code. To be eligible for federal funding, hospitals must also be certified through The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The certification process is comprehensive and requires an on-site survey to ensure compliance, mirroring the Administrative Rule. Given this duplication, the department will pursue a legislative proposal in 2025 to consolidate the licensing process, using the CMS certification standards as the benchmark for obtaining a hospital license and deeming all licensed CMS hospitals also licensed in the state of Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0314-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0601-2402: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0601-2402**, to extend this temporary Administrative Rule which addresses crisis levels of need by allowing the DHW discretion in certain foster care situations.

Andrea Blackwood, Bureau Chief, Division of Child Welfare, DHW, was invited to answer questions. She stated this Administrative Rule assists foster care families who have large sibling groups or children with special needs. The incident notification prior to any placement on the Child Protection Central Registry includes a requirement for the DHW staff to provide documentation within fourteen days and a recipient response within twenty-eight days. As a closed registry, only verification of a listing on the registry is released. During this process a safety decision for the child's placement is made in collaboration with the courts.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0601-2402. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0601-2403: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0601-2403**. The DHW is requesting extension of this temporary Administrative Rule to July 1, 2025. Changes include an enhanced definition for "kin" and waiver of adoption fees as specified. It does not require any additional home study and simplifies adopting a child out of the state's custody.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0601-2403**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0601-2404: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0601-2404**, which sets the visitation protection levels for children in cases of child abuse.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhrman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0601-2404**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0601-2405: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0601-2405**, a Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR) chapter rewrite to incorporate all of the foster care temporary Administrative Rules and align with Idaho Code.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0601-2405**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0602-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0602-2401**. Temporary and pending Administrative Rules to repeal a chapter which is rewritten in **Docket No. 16-0602-2402**.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0602-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0602-2402: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0602-2402**. This temporary and pending Administrative Rule chapter rewrite incorporates the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS). It also lowers the foster parent minimum age to eighteen years of age to allow for situations where an older sibling might provide the best placement.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0602-2402**.

Answering a question, **Julie Subchek**, Program Manager, Child Welfare Division, stated the requirements for firearm and ammunition storage follows the extra level of safety provided in the national model. This prevents easy access for a child who may be experiencing a mental health crisis.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0602-2402**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0602-2403: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0602-2403**. This is a temporary and pending Administrative Rule designed to address the increase in the number of foster parents by providing previous foster parents a fast-track to re-enter the program.

Addressing committee concerns, **Julie Subchek** explained a returning family must attest they have maintained conformity, including their household, to use the fast track.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0602-2403**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0101-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0101-2401**. In response to **H 704**, which passed in 2024, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) chapters have been streamlined and consolidated into a single easy-access chapter.

MOTION: Rep. Redman made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0101-2401**. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 16-0102-2401: Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0102-2401**, which is a full EMS chapter repeal and consolidation into **Docket No. 16-0101-2401**.

MOTION: Rep. Healey made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0102-2401**. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 16-0105-2401: Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0105-2401**, which is a full EMS chapter repeal and consolidation into **Docket No. 16-0101-2401**.

MOTION: Rep. Healey made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0105-2401**. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 16-0107-2401: Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0107-2401**, which is a full EMS chapter repeal and consolidation into **Docket No. 16-0101-2401**.

MOTION: Rep. Fuhriman made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0107-2401**. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 16-0112-2401: Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0112-2401**, which is a full EMS chapter repeal and consolidation into **Docket No. 16-0101-2401**.

MOTION: Rep. Egbert made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0112-2401**. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 16-0201-2401: Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0201-2401**, which is a full EMS chapter repeal and consolidation into **Docket No. 16-0101-2401**.

MOTION: Rep. Fuhriman made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0201-2401**. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 16-0202-2401: Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0202-2401**, which is a full EMS chapter repeal and consolidation into **Docket No. 16-0101-2401**.

MOTION: Rep. Cayler made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0202-2401**. 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 10:12 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

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Room EW20
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
16-0314-2301	<u>Department of Health & Welfare</u> Hospitals - Temporary Rule	Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief
16-0103-2401	Emergency Medical Services - Pending Rule	
16-0212-2401	Newborn Screening - Pending Rule	
16-0213-2401	Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Program - Pending Fee Rule	
16-0501-2401	Use and Disclosure of Department Records - Temporary and Pending Rule	
16-0605-2401	Alleged Medical Neglect of Disabled Infants - Pending Rule	
16-0418-2401	Children's Agencies and Residential Licensing - Temporary and Pending Rule	
16-0407-2401	State Hospital North and State Hospital South - Pending Fee Rule	
16-0717-2401	Substance Use Disorders Services - Pending Rule	
16-0733-2401	Adult Mental Health Services - Pending Rule	
16-0737-2401	Children's Mental Health Services - Pending Rule	
16-0313-2401	Consumer-Directed Services - Pending Rule	
16-0309-2401	Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits - Pending Rule	

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative McCann

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Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m..

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

DOCKET NO. 16-0314-2301: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0314-2301**, a temporary Administrative Rule which requires extension of its expiration date to July 1, 2025.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0314-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0103-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0103-2401**, an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Administrative Rule chapter repeal. The information has been consolidated into pending Administrative Rule **Docket No. 16-0101-2401**, which was approved on January 14, 2025.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0103-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0212-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0212-2401**, a Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR) rewrite for newborn screening. Existing since 1921, the changes update and consolidate the language with no impact to the process. Duplications have been removed, addressing interpretive modifications made when the rule was created.

Invited to answer questions, **Dr. Marcia Witte**, Division of Public Health, DHW, said the first screen is required within 24 to 48 hours after birth. There is no requirement for the mother and baby to remain in the hospital for the screening. No data has been collected to determine how many mothers and babies do remain in the hospital for the screening.

A committee member expressed concern regarding the changes from "must" to "should" found in Sections 100 and 200 when Idaho Code states "must." **Mr. Larsen** explained the sections pertain to requirements for the department, not the hospitals or parents, and addresses technical non-compliance for items of lesser importance.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0212-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0213-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0213-2401**, a pending fee Administrative Rule for the Idaho Drinking Water Laboratory Certification Program. This is a ZBR review with reorganized sections designed to enhance use. Not updated since 2011, the fee increases include the base fee per discipline and the base certification fee for out-of-state chemistry and microbiology laboratories. Laboratories performing microbiology testing now have a simplified flat annual fee.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0213-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0501-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0501-2401**, a temporary Administrative Rule for DHW record usage. This small policy change assures information transparency, allowing foster families to get the information they need to be successful.

MOTION: **Rep. Cayler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0501-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0605-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0605-2401**, alleged medical neglect of disabled infants, to remove duplicative rules found elsewhere and in statute.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0605-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0418-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0418-2401**, a temporary and pending Administrative Rule for children's agencies and residential licensing. The changes align with Idaho Code for foster care licensing and provide the DHW with the ability to make additional requirements deemed necessary for the safety of the children.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0418-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0407-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0407-2401**, a chapter repeal for Idaho State Hospital North and State Hospital South. This chapter was a duplication of the applicable waiver requirements and authority.

MOTION: **Rep. Cayler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0407-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0717-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0717-2401**, substance use disorders services. This rule prevents the accumulation of costly, ineffective, and outdated regulations. The changes allow certification from a national certifier, thus increasing the possible number of providers.

Peyton Darst, representing the Idaho Behavioral Health Association, testified **in support of Docket No. 16-0717-2401**. The addition of national certification increases reciprocity, keeps quality care standards alive, and addresses the workforce shortage.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0717-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0733-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0733-2401**, adult mental health (MH) services. The changes remove those items now included in the Magellan contract, moving the DHW from a position of direct service provider to contractor of services.

Juliet Charron, Deputy Director, Medicaid and Behavioral Health (BH), DHW, was invited to answer questions. She clarified a public records request is needed to obtain a full copy of the Magellan contract. Participants and providers have access to copies through the DHW and Magellan websites. The DHW is still in the full oversight role to assure services are delivered appropriately and within Idaho policy and code. Moving personnel between the Medicaid and BH divisions has filled any staffing needs.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to **HOLD Docket No. 16-0733-2401** to time certain, February 12, 2025.

She expressed concern for both the contract included items within the rules and the removal of legislative participation in any new contract. Holding the rule for one month would insure safeguards for future contracts.

Ms. Charron stated the Administrative Rule addressed only the DHW staff roles. With the deletion of those roles, the rules have been updated. The services are reflected in both the Medicaid State Plan and Medicaid federal authority, which describes the DHW oversight role and the provider role of Magellan.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0733-2401. Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Rubel and Egbert** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 16-0737-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0737-2401**, Administrative Rule changes to remove the provider actions now being handled by a contracted service provider.

Treena Clark, Public Policy Manager, DHW, noted Idaho Code Title 16, Chapter 24 covers children's MH services and Title 39, Chapter 31 is for adult MH services.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0737-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0313-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0313-2401**, a ZBR rewrite to eliminate outdated duplicative wording and streamline the chapter. There were no substantive changes.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0313-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0309-2401: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0309-2401** for the Medicaid Basic Plan. The changes remove duplications with controlling federal regulations and provide the Idaho legislature the ability to make allowed policy changes. Also reflected is direction to the DHW to follow the legislative scope of practice decisions. Section 009 is not intended to trigger any background check reporting prior to an employer's knowledge of a crime having been committed.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0309-2401.**

Ms. Charron, regarding the prosthetic and orthotic devices section, said it represents existing Idaho and Medicare policies. Applicable documentation will be updated and available to the public, if requested, prior to the rule's effective date.

Dr. Adams stated Medicaid covers the "what" and Idaho's legislature determines the "who." If the legislature creates a new "who," Medicaid automatically pertains to them.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0309-2401. 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 10:30 a.m.

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RS 31886	Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Accounts	Julie Ellsworth, Idaho State Treasurer

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Cayler
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 9:00 a.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
RS 31886: **Rep. Bruce Skaug**, District 10, presented **RS 31886**. With no fiscal impact, this proposed legislation will allow Idaho's eligible disabled population to participate in the Achieving a Better Life Experience ACT (ABLE). He asked for one change to remove the word "Idaho" from Page 1, Section 56-708(b).
MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 31886**, with the following change: on Page 1, Section 56-708(b) remove the word "Idaho." **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

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RS 31965	Nurses - Definition Update <u>Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses</u>	Rep. Healey
RS 31812	Long Term Care Facilities	Rep. Healey
RS 31822	Controlled Substances <u>Department of Health and Welfare</u>	Nicki Chopski
RS 31820	Health & Welfare and Other Agencies	Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief
RS 31796	Public Assistance - Prior Authority	Jared Larsen

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Cayler

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MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15 and 20, 2025, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31965: **Rep. Dori Healey**, District 15, presented **RS 31965** to update the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) statute authority and scope of practice.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 31965**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31812: **Rep. Dori Healey**, District 15, presented **RS 31812** to merge the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators and the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators into the Idaho Board of Long-Term Care Administrators.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 31812**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31822: **Nicki Chopski**, Health Professions Bureau Chief, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), Executive Officer for the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy, presented **RS 31822**, the Controlled Substances Act annual update. Twenty-four illicit substances are added to Schedule I, twenty-three man-made testosterone derivatives are added to Schedule III, and one postpartum depression medication is added to Schedule IV.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 31822**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31820: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **RS 31820**. This proposed legislation addresses antiquated DHW inclusions and references which occurred when the Department of Juvenile Corrections and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) were transitioned out of the DHW. Responding to questions, he said the pool regulation associated costs will be the largest area of savings. These changes will eliminate confusion where Idaho Code refers to the State Board of Health or the DHW for outdated procedures.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 31820**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 31796: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW, presented **RS 31796** to keep Medicaid the payor of last resort in alignment with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020.

MOTION: Rep. Healey made a motion to introduce **RS 31796. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses	
24-0901-2401	Rules of the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Cesley Metcalfe
24-1901-2401	Rules of the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators (ZBR Chapter Rewrite, Fee Rule) - Pending Rule	Cesley Metcalfe
24-2401-2401	Rules of the Genetic Counselors Licensing Board (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Cesley Metcalfe
24-2601-2501	Rules of the Idaho Board of Midwifery - Temporary Rule	Katie Stuart
24-3101-2501	Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry - Temporary Rule	Katie Stuart
24-3401-2501	Rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing - Temporary Rule	Katie Stuart

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 22, 2025

TIME: 9:00 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:** None

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 9:00 a.m.

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

DOCKET NO. 24-0901-2401: **Cecely Metcalfe**, Board Services Manager, Occupational License Bureau, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), Executive Officer, Idaho Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, presented **Docket No. 24-0901-2401**, which has Zero Based Reduction (ZBR) driven changes. With the chapter reorganization, unnecessary, duplicate, and outdated language has been deleted or updated to simplify, clarify, and align the Administrative Rules with Idaho Code.

Answering questions, **Ms. Metcalfe** stated DOPL is moving to a twenty-four month renewal cycle and aligning the continuing education (CE) to the same cycle. The board's cash balance as of September 30, 2024, is (\$7,128.78). Negotiated rulemaking will be used to increase the fees to move within the required 30% to 125% of the five-year annual rolling expenses required by statute. Proposed legislation will combine this board with the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facilities. This is anticipated to decrease expenses through staff consolidation. A new licensing system has been introduced and is expected to further reduce expenses. With CE requirements changed from annual to biennial, the board decided a CE carry over was no longer necessary.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0901-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1901-2401: **Cecely Metcalfe**, Board Services Manager, Occupational License Bureau, DOPL, Executive Officer, Idaho Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators, presented **Docket No. 24-1901-2401**. This ZBR chapter rewrite reorganizes chapters, adds a new licensure pathway for individuals holding a Health Services Executive credential, changes the CE cycle to biennial, expands the type of CE courses, aligns examinations with Idaho Code, removes duplication, increases fees to align with Idaho Code, and removes civil fines due to lack of statutory authority.

Ms. Metcalfe, in response to questions, said the board's cash balance, as of September 30, 2024, is (\$9,271.24). It is anticipated this board will be part of the consolidation within the proposed legislation previously mentioned. Efficiencies and possibly raising fees further in alignment with statutory authority are first steps to get the board in line with Idaho Code. There are 440 individuals licensed through the Residential Care Examiners Board. The fee changes will put the board at 31% by the end of Fiscal Year 2028. Responding to concern expressed when combining two boards with negative balances, she explained the importance of making the reductions and changes without impacting the workforce or patient safety. The boards, if allowed to combine, are expected to have a positive balance within three years.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1901-2401**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Vander Woude** made a substitute motion to **HOLD Docket No. 24-1901-2401**, stating he is not in favor of approving the rule without a review of how it became negative and a plan to remove the board from such a large negative cash balance.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD Docket No. 24-1901-2401** for time certain, March 15, 2025.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: After committee discussion, **Rep. McCann** asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to **HOLD Docket No. 24-1901-2401** for time certain, March 15, 2025. There being no objection the request was granted.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD Docket No. 24-1901-2401** for time certain, February 12, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-2401-2401: **Cecely Metcalfe**, Board Services Manager, Occupational License Bureau, DOPL, Executive Officer, Idaho Genetic Counselors Licensing Board, presented **Docket No. 24-2401-2401**. This ZBR rewrite reorganizes chapters, removes duplication with Idaho Code or national certification requirements, and eliminates the inactive status licensure requirements which are not within the board's statutory authority. Provision is made for consideration of other licensing exams, if available.

Upon questioning, **Ms. Metcalfe** relayed the cash balance of this board, as of September 30, 2024, is \$143,548.51, which is 373%. The board has reduced fees by 20%, effective January 1, 2025. Inactive status is no longer an option since only three individuals have ever made requests. The language "not to exceed" within the fee table allows the board to actively reduce fees.

MOTION: **Rep. Rasor** made a motion to **HOLD Docket No. 24-2401-2401** for time certain, January 29, 2025. He commented this will allow time to receive information regarding incorporation of the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) and conducting violation inquiries.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to **HOLD Docket No. 24-2401-2401** for time certain, January 29, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-2601-2501: **Katie Stuart**, Bureau Chief, Administration Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-2601-2501**. These temporary Administrative Rules update the fee table to include the term "not more than" for all fees, thus allowing the board to easily decrease fees in the future. The current average 90% fee reductions are a result of consolidation of the Board of Midwifery with the Board of Nursing during the 2024 legislative session.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2601-2501**.

Rep. Redman declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2601-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3101-2501: **Katie Stuart**, Bureau Chief, Administration Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-3101-2501**, a temporary Administrative Rule to update the fee chart to include "not more than" which allows the Board of Dentistry to easily decrease fees in the future.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3101-2501.**

Responding to a question, **Ms. Stuart** stated the Board of Dentistry's five-year average rolling cash balance, as of fiscal year end 2024, is approximately \$1.2M.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3101-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3401-2501: **Katie Stuart**, Bureau Chief, Administration Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-3401-2501**, the Board of Nursing. This temporary Administrative Rule adds "not more than" to the fee chart, allowing ease in future fee reductions. The board has currently decreased fees an average of 20%.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3401-2501. 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 10:10 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, January 23, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO.	<u>Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses</u>	
24-3601-2401	Board of Pharmacy - Temporary Rule	Nicki Chopski
24-3601-2402	Board of Pharmacy (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Nicki Chopski
24-3303-2401	Board of Medicine (ZBR Chapter Repeal) - Pending Rule	Nicki Chopski
24-3301-2401	Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine (ZBR Chapter Rewrite, Fee Rule) - Pending Rule	Nicki Chopski
24-3302-2401	Physician Assistants - Licensure (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Nicki Chopski
24-3305-2401	Athletic Trainers (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Orin Duffin
24-3306-2401	Respiratory Therapists and Polysomnographers (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Orin Duffin
24-3307-2401	Dietitians (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Orin Duffin
24-3304-2401	Naturopathic Medical Doctors (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	Orin Duffin
24-0301-2401	Board of Chiropractic Physicians (ZBR Chapter Rewrite) - Pending Rule	John Price

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 23, 2025

TIME: 9:00 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:** None

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 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

DOCKET NO. 24-3601-2401: **Nicki Chopski**, Bureau Chief, Health Professions Bureau, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), Executive Officer, Idaho Board of Pharmacy, presented **Docket No. 24-3601-2401**. She requested the committee reject this temporary Administrative Rule, allowing it to expire.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to reject **Docket No. 24-3601-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3601-2402: **Nicki Chopski**, Bureau Chief, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-3601-2402**, a zero-based regulation (ZBR) chapter rewrite. The chapter has been reorganized, with duplicate and obsolete sections removed or updated. The fees were capped at the current legislative approved rates. The drug outlet updates simplify reporting requirements. The annual inventory was changed to biennial and remains consistent with federal requirements. Criminal conviction reporting was changed from upon license renewal to thirty days of the incident. The compounding exemptions were updated and include coloring agents. Sterile preparation incorporates current terminology to better reflect the standard of care.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3601-2402**, with the exception of Section 200.14.e. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3303-2401 AND DOCKET NO. 24-3301-2401: **Nicki Chopski**, Bureau Chief, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, on behalf of the Board of Medicine. The board is moving **Docket No. 24-3303-2401** into **Docket No. 24-3301-2401**. Duplications and outdated terminology have been removed or changed for clarification. Temporary registration has been reworded to allow for mini-fellowships. An exemption has been added for international physicians. Continuing education has been updated to apply only to those without board certification. The inactive license renewal fee, duplicate wall certificates, and administrative fees for services have been eliminated. Both a provisional and limited license for international and bridge year physicians have been added to the fee table.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3303-2401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3301-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3302-2401: **Nicki Chopski**, Bureau Chief, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, Executive Officer, Physician Assistants (PA) Advisory Committee, presented **Docket No. 24-3302-2401**. Duplicate licensure requirements and definitions were removed. Other changes align with statute, replace "scope of practice" with "practice standards," and clarify references. Reinstatement and inactive license fees were removed in alignment with the Division's authority.

Answering a question, **Ms. Chopski** said the specific exam supplier's name was added as required by Idaho Code. As the only PA examiner option, not listing them would place the rule in violation of statute.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3302-2401**, with the exception of Section 100.01. He expressed his concerns regarding information on the examiner's website indicating their diversity and inclusion (DEI) operating beliefs.

When asked about the board's cash balance, **Ms. Chopski** said as of fiscal year 2024, the balance was \$215,356.11, 146% of operating expenses. A recent 15.5% fee reduction recommendation to the Board of Medicine will be reviewed at their next meeting. There are no other agencies available to certify PAs.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3302-2401**.

Committee discussion included the extreme costs related to creating an Idaho-specific exam, the functionality of not including the examiner company's name, the growing trend away from DEI nomenclatures on websites, and the impact of an Idaho declaration of non-support for DEI statements.

ROLL CALL VOTE: The substitute motion voice vote was unclear. **Vice Chairman Erickson** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 7 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Reps. Erickson, Redman, Wheeler, Fuhriman, McCann, Rubel, and Egbert. Voting in opposition** to the substitute motion: **Reps. Healey, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Rasor, Thompson, and Vander Woude.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the original motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3302-2401**, with the exception of Section 100.01. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Rubel, Egbert, McCann, Wheeler, and Fuhriman** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 24-3305-2401: **Orin Duffin**, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, Executive Officer, Allied Health Advisory Board, presented **Docket No. 24-3305-2401**, with ZBR reductions for clarity and simplification. The inactive license renewal fee was removed since it is incongruent with Idaho Code. Answering a question, he explained all boards are being transitioned to a two-year renewal cycle.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3305-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3306-2401: **Orin Duffin**, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, Executive Officer, Allied Health Advisory Board, presented **Docket No. 24-3306-2401**, which has been updated to a consistent division format. The CE has been simplified to allow any germane course. Fees have been consolidated from two fee tables for clarity. The inactive renewal fee has been removed. Answering a question, he said the board, as of FY 2024, has a cash balance of \$186,793.63, 117% of their operating budget.

MOTION: Rep. McCann made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3306-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3307-2401: Orin Duffin, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, Executive Officer, Allied Health Advisory Board, presented **Docket No. 24-3307-2401.** Changes provide a consistent format with other boards and remove duplication with Idaho Code. The inactive license renewal fee removal addresses the conflict between inactive and lapsed licenses.

MOTION: Rep. Egbert made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3307-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3304-2401: Orin Duffin, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, Executive Officer, Allied Health Advisory Board, presented **Docket No. 24-3304-2401.** Changes were made to be consistent with the DOPL board format. The inactive license fee was eliminated.

MOTION: Rep. Redman made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3304-2401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0301-2401: John Price, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-0301-2401,** a chapter rewrite in alignment with ZBR requirements. In this rewrite, chapters were reorganized, and duplications of Idaho Code were removed. The word "college" was replaced with "program" to recognize all accredited institutions. Other changes allow for qualified international applicants and other competency exams. CE requirements were updated to the two-year model. Inactive license was updated to a biennial issuance, increasing the maximum number of conversion years. Rewording assures chiropractic assistants do not provide treatment advice. Stipulation was made regarding advertisements claiming affiliation with a research project. Sexual misconduct was clarified to include sexual misconduct against a spouse.

MOTION: Rep. Rasor made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0301-2401. 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 10:18 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Friday, January 24, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31896	Medicaid	Rep. Vander Woude
RS 31973	Medical Defence Act	Rep. Skaug
RS 31958	Cardiac Arrest Prevention	Rep. Wheeler

If you have written testimony, please provide a copy to the committee secretary.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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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.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Monday, January 27, 2025

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31795	Public Assistance, Fraud	Jared Larsen, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DHW

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 27, 2025

TIME: 9:00 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 Beiswenger

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 9:00 a.m.

RS 31795: **Jared Larsen**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **RS 31795**, to authorize the DHW to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Idaho Tax Commission. This will improve the ability to review income when conducting investigations for fraudulent benefit receipts. The current method employs subpoenas for bank records. This intrusive process is not binding for out-of-state financial institutions.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 31795**.

Mr. Larsen agreed to make committee suggested minor corrections to the Statement of Purpose and Fiscal Note.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 31795**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31996	Medicaid - Value Based Payment Agreements	Rep. Vander Woude
RS 32064	Physician Assistants	Rep. Redman
	Your Health Idaho - Annual Report	Pat Kelley, Executive Director

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

TIME: 9:00 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:** None

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 9:00 a.m.

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

RS 31996: **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 31996**, proposed legislation to change the Medicaid value-based payment agreement dates from January through December to Idaho's fiscal year of July 1 through June 30. This will improve the legislature's ability to review performance of the contracts. Answering a question he said the existing contracts would have a six-month carry over.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 31996. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

RS 32064: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 32064**, creating a three-year physician license to expand the current physician bridge-year program.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 32064. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Pat Kelley, Executive Director, Your Health Idaho (YHI), presented their annual report.

With 120,000 Idahoans enrolled, YHI experienced their highest customer retention. Of the enrollees, 68% are renewals and 32% are new customers. Agents or brokers were used for 71% of the enrollments. Income sources include the assessment fee, building rent, and cash reserve interest.

Improvements include implementing an affordability calculator, enrollment counselors in community centers, and targeted campaigns to increase brand and option awareness.

Future efforts will focus on partnerships, teams, education, and continuation of the existing fiscal conservative business principles. YHI has the lowest operating costs of all state-based exchanges and one of the highest per capita enrollment rates.

Responding to questions, **Mr. Kelley** explained states without Medicaid expansion have a federal poverty level (FPL) of 100%, as opposed to Idaho's FPL of 139%. Tax credits are being utilized by 120,000 Idahoans. People leave the exchange for a variety of reasons, including Medicare eligibility and employment coverage. The United States Treasury pays the tax credits directly to the insurance companies. YHI uses three primary releases to assure their technology remains up to date, avoiding the costs and time of a large refresh.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary