

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 29, 2026

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, Thompson, Hall, Tanner(13), Rubel, Egbert (Sarriera)

**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 26 and 27, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32884: **Rep. Josh Tanner(14)**, District 14, presented **RS 32884** to protect foster care Social Security benefits.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 32884**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

DOCKET NO. 16-0602-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0602-2501**, a temporary rule to implement 2025 enacted legislation. Answering questions, **Julie Sevcik**, Program Manager, Child and Family Services, DHW, said lengthy formal home assessments determine many factors.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to extend temporary **Docket No. 16-0602-2501** to July 1, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0602-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0602-2501**, a pending rule to implement the previous temporary rule.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0602-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0613-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0613-2501**, which removes duplication of the federally-directed Emergency Assistance for Families and Children Program.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0613-2501**. **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 9:35 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary