

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 02, 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

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Thompson

**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 33132:** **Rep. Rob Beiswenger**, District 8, presented **RS 33132** for the Medical Freedom Act. The changes clarify the sections for schools and daycares, vaccination registry, local preemptions, and international travel.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33132**.  
A concern was voiced regarding the Statement of Purpose, with the recommendation it be rewritten to include the full scope of the proposed legislation.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33132**.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**Chairman Vander Woude** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.

**DOCKET NO.  
16-0308-2502:** **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0308-2502**, a new consolidated rule chapter for federal welfare programs.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0308-2502**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
16-0308-2501:** **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0308-2501** to repeal the existing Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI) independent chapter which is now included in the new federal welfare consolidated chapter.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0308-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
16-0414-2501:** **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0414-2501** to repeal the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEA) independent chapter. The unchanged information is now located in the new federal welfare consolidated chapter. Answering a question, he said the program is 100% federally funded at a cost of \$22.6M.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0414-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
16-0326-2501:** **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0326-2501**, a temporary new chapter to consolidate Medicaid benefits as stipulated in **H 345**, enacted in 2025. No new policies were added.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Fuhriman**, made a motion to extend temporary **Docket No. 16-0326-2501** to July 1, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 16-0326-2501:** **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented pending **Docket No. 16-0326-2501**, which solidifies the previously approved temporary rule of the same number.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approved pending **Docket No. 16-0326-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 16-0313-2501:** **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0313-2501** to repeal the independent chapter for Consumer-Directed Services, which are consolidated in the new federal welfare programs chapter.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0313-2501**. **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 9:23 a.m.

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Representative Erickson  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary