

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 04, 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 (Stone), 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 33166: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33166**, proposed legislation to finalize the County Medical Indigent Program repeal in 2022.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 33166**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33186: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33186** to require specified immigration information and annual Legislative reports from the hospitals.

MOTION: **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to introduce **RS 33186**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 494: **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **H 494** to move the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) background checking administrative rules into Idaho statute. With no substantive changes, the move to Idaho statute provides better oversight, consistency, and clarity for both the Legislature and DHW. It also assures the Federal Bureau of Investigation requirements are met.

Jared Larsen, Chief of Staff, DHW, answering a question, said the background check cost of \$70 is paid by the individual. The background check is usually conducted early in the application process.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 494** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 531: **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **H 531** to align Idaho statute with current and evolving epinephrine administrating systems being used in the schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to send **H 531** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Brittany Shipley, Self, testified **in support** of **H 531**, requesting a broadening of the blood glucose testing parameters, further allowing children with non-listed illnesses to safely attend school.

Alicia Jordan, Registered Nurse, School Nurse, Member, National Board of School Nurses, testified **in support** of **H 531**, sharing information on the current nasal and future sublingual delivery systems.

Alexis Morgan, Idaho Parent Teacher Association, Director, Public Policy, testified **in support** of **H 531**. The removal of current restrictions will allow better emergency response in the schools. It will also eliminate stress for individuals who dislike needles.

In closing remarks, **Rep. Wheeler** stated he was unaware of the limited glucose testing issue and would prefer to pursue additional legislation instead of modifying **H 531**.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Vander Woude called for a vote on the motion to send **H 531** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary