

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhrihan, Leavitt, McCann, Thompson, Hall (Stone), Tanner(13), 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 February 5, 2026, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Juliet Charron**, Director, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented the DHW Budget requests with General Fund reductions included.

Fiscal year (FY) 2026 supplemental requests encompass adjustment for the State Hospital Fund, population forecast, Medicaid provider rate, hospital assessment fund, the Making Rural Idaho Healthy Again Program, and a transfer limitation exemption.

**Director Charron** then detailed the FY 2027 line-item requests for child, youth and family services, the Idaho Child Care Program, kinship navigation services, the Idaho Home Visiting Program, re-appropriation authority, and a transfer limitation exemption.

For Medicaid FY 2027, the Director explained requests covered the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), an estate recovery system contractor, the program integrity contract expansion, staff increases, caseload and cost-based maintenance, the population forecast maintenance, and a provider rate adjustment.

The Division of Welfare, formerly Self Reliance, requests include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid expansion work requirements, and Medicaid eligibility determination system changes.

Line-item requests for indirect support services are comprised of the background check unit, information technology services, the Making Rural Idaho Healthy Again Program, plus facility maintenance and equipment.

Due to time constraints **Director Charron** stated she would be willing to explain the remaining line items to the committee at another meeting or individually.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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Representative Vander Woude  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary