

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 13, 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:** 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. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

**Vice Chairman Erickson** informed the committee **Docket No. 24-4101-2501** will be heard first.

**Russ Baron**, Administrator, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL), explained the legislative audit, board cash balances, quarterly board financial reports, fee holidays, and the fee adjustment plan.

**DOCKET NO. 24-4101-2501:** **John Price**, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-4101-2501**, which merges the boards for the Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators and the Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators into a new chapter for the Long-Term Care Administrators. There are no substantive changes made beyond resultant reformatting.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-4101-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 24-0901-2501:** **John Price**, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-0901-2501**, a chapter repeal for the Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators which has been merged into the Long-Term Care Administrators new chapter, effective July 1, 2026.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0901-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 24-1901-2501:** **John Price**, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-1901-2501**, the repeal for the independent Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators chapter, which was merged into the Long-Term Care Administrators new chapter, effective July 1, 2026.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1901-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 24-1701-2501:** **John Price**, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-1701-2501** for the State Board of Acupuncture. Changes include removing duplication with other statute and the supervisor written notice. The board-approved fee increases meet code expectations, adjust for the lack of increases over the past ten years, and assure the board meets its financial obligations.

**Heather Bergstrom**, Licensed Acupuncturist, representing the Idaho Acupuncturist Association, testified **in support** of **Docket No. 24-1701-2501**, stating the fees have not kept pace with increasing costs and do not cause any hardship for practicing acupuncturists.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1701-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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Representative Erickson  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary