

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 16, 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.
H 558: **Rep. Josh Tanner**, District 14, presented **H 558**. This assures any foster child's Social Security survivor benefit funds are available when the child transitions out of foster care, including veteran survivor benefits. There are no federal guidelines or standards.
MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 558** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Tanner(14)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
RS 33377: **Rep. David Cannon**, District 30, presented **RS 33377** to ban health insurance co-pay accumulators. This corrects the current practice of not applying third-party medication assistance payments to a patient's co-pay.
MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33377**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary