

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 19, 2026

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

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Healey, Redman (Zaken), Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, McCann, Thompson, Hall (Stone), Tanner(13), Rubel, Egbert

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

**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.

**Vice Chairman Erickson** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the February 13, 2026, meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33263:** **Rep. Dori Healey**, District 15, presented **RS 33263**, proposed legislation for dental loss ratio transparency to include annual reporting.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to introduce **RS 33263**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33042:** **Rep. Lucas Cayler**, District 11, presented **RS 33042** to prevent child protective services removing children based on false reports. Definitions are clarified and exemptions are listed. It also pertains to vulnerable adults.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Beiswinger** made a motion to introduce **RS 33042**.

Answering questions, **Rep. Cayler** said the intent of the legislation is to allow parents to determine the healthcare of their family without being called into question. This avoids false allegations which would impact the family's unity. The medical neglect definition is already in Idaho Code.

Concern was expressed by committee members regarding hindering reporting of abuses, the lack of alternative medicine definition or parameters, and the private right of action clause, which already exists in Tort Law.

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE:** **Rep. Leavitt** requested a roll call vote. **Motion failed by a tie vote of 7 AYE, 7 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Zaken, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson, Tanner(13). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Erickson, Healey, Fuhriman, McCann, Stone, Rubel, Egbert. Reps. Vander Woude, Wheeler were absent/excused.**

**Vice Chairman Erickson** put the committee at ease at 9:27 a.m.

**Vice Chairman Erickson** resumed the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

**RS 33328:** **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 33328** to codify the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits current practices and program administration. Although largely a federal program, the administration is funded through Idaho General Funds.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 33328**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

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Representative Erickson  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary