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# HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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| **DATE:** | Monday, March 09, 2026 |
| **TIME:** | 1:30 P.M. |
| **PLACE:** | Room EW41 |
| **MEMBERS:** | Chairman Redman, Vice Chairman Wheeler, Representatives Crane(13), Palmer, Barbieri, Cornilles, Crane(12), Ehlers, Monks, Cannon, Harris, Marmon, Rasor, Thompson, Cheatum, Veile, Berch, Green |
| **ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** | Reps. Monks, Rasor, Green |
| **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 Redman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**H 529:** **Rep. Bruce** presented **H 529**, explaining the legislation amends Idaho Code to add section 41-1854, prohibiting health carriers from preventing providers from offering discounted cash prices to insured individuals for health care services. It allows covered people to pay out-of-pocket at negotiated rates lower than the plan's average allowed amount, with such payments counting toward deductibles and annual out-of-pocket maximums upon submission of required documentation. Providers must accept cash payments as full settlement. Exemptions apply to specified plans like dental-only, Medicaid, and short-term insurance. Rep. Bruce requested the committee send **H 529** to General Orders.

**Rep. Bingham** explained the amendments to **H 529**.

Committee inquired regarding cash payments and pre-authorization, subsequent negotiations, insurance company pricing, consulting with insurance companies, potential for fraud, paperwork submission, administrative costs for cash pay vs. insurance, and billing insurance.

Testifying **in support** of **H 529**, **Adam Meier**, explained how the legislation would help Idahoans and shared other states which have enacted similar legislation.

Testifying **in opposition** to **H 529**, **Rodney White** shared concerns the long term cost for health care could go up.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **H 529** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Crane (13)** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Bruce** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 775:** **Rep. Pickett** presented **H 775**, explaining the legislation further defines the exemption of one motor vehicle, in the case of bankruptcy, to include vehicles which may not currently be operable, insurable or registered.

Committee inquired regarding trustees selling inoperable vehicles.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 775** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 773:** **Rep. Ehlers** presented **H 773**, explaining the legislation ensures state laws are streamlined, up-to-date, and essential for the citizens of Idaho, while best serving the public health, safety, and welfare, the Legislature approved the Idaho Code Cleanup Act, **H 14** in the 2025 legislative session. Submitted sections of Idaho Code were reviewed for repeal consideration by the DOGE Task Force on the criteria of obsolete, outdated, and unnecessary.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Cheatum** made a motion to send **H 773** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 787:** **Rep. Ehlers** presented **H 787**, explaining the legislation transfers regulatory authority for the practice of podiatric medicine from the independent Board of Podiatry to the Idaho State Board of Medicine and eliminate the Board of Podiatry's current rules chapter by moving any substantive provisions to the appropriate statutes.

Committee inquired regarding support by the board of podiatry.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to send **H 787** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 790:** **Rep. Healey** presented **H 790**, explaining the legislation exempts the practice of interior design from the Idaho Architecture Practice Act to allow certified interior designers to sign and seal technical submissions for a limited set of drawings that are non-structural and non-seismic interior construction and alteration projects.

Committee inquired regarding architect time to review documents, paths of egress, separate license, fire alarm and sprinkler systems, separate board requirement, interior designer member on architecture board, jurisdictions' licensing requirements, scope of practice, and permitting.

Testifying **in support** of **H 790**, **Adrienne Lane-Martin**, **Ainsley Bauer**, **Cassidy Lange**, **Nicole-Dovel-Moore** and **Andrew Erstad** related their experiences demonstrating support for **H 790**.

Testifying **in opposition** to**H 790**, **Teran Mitchell**, American Institute of Architects, **Erik Hagen**, and **Ian Hoffman** explained their experiences demonstrating opposition of **H 790**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Harris** made a motion to send **H 790** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Speaking to the motion, members explained the testimony was informative and shared about interior designers moving out of state to practice.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote**. **Rep. Barbieri** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Healey** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Representative Redman
Chair

Michelle A Anderson
Secretary