

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson (Larsen), 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 26 and March 2, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Vander Woude** turned the gavel over to **Rep. Healey**.

**RS 33677:** **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 33677**, a reintroduction of **H 759** with better itemizations, streamlined audit cost surveys, and an audit deadline of December, 2027. Rates are subject to appropriation funding.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33677** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Rep. Healey** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Vander Woude**.

**RS 33626:** **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33626** to establish an oversight committee for the recently awarded rural health program federal funds.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 33626**.

Responding to questions, **Rep. Redman** stated he has been assured there will be a minority member included on the committee. This legislation is a replacement for **S 1284**, which is not progressing out of committee.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33626**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 758:** **Rep. Barbara Ehardt**, District 33, presented **H 758**. This legislation allows the use of a baby monitor, with the provider remaining within hearing distance, when the children are sleeping. It also clarifies the provider's school-age children are not counted in the children limit.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 758** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Elizabeth Noonan**, Self, testified in **opposition** to **H 758**. Active video, not audio, monitoring is better. The provider's children require different care. The changes are not professionally good for the businesses or children.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 758** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Ehardt** and **Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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Representative Vander Woude  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary