

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 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.

H 759: **Chairman Vander Woude** announced **H 759** was held by the committee for time certain, March 11, 2026. It has been replaced by **RS 33677**, now **H 863**, which the committee introduced and recommended it go directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to **HOLD H 759** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

H 730: **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **H 730** to align the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) with new federal regulations. The Department of Health and Welfare is required to interface with listed data bases to identify and immediately disenroll individuals, addressing both fraud and out-of-state usage. SNAP benefits are restricted to U.S. citizens and individuals with lawful presence verifications. The federal and Idaho funding split has increased from 50/50 to 75/25.

MOTION: **Rep. Cayler** made a motion to send **H 730** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Tim Puglisi, FGA Action, testified **in support** of **H 730**, which assures SNAP benefits are reserved for Idahoans who are truly in need. The database has been updated, simplified, and is free. Lower case loads mean lower administrative costs.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE and 2 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Vander Woude, Larsen, Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, McCann, Thompson, Stone, Tanner(13).** **Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Rubel, Egbert.** **Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Representative Healey
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary