

MINUTES  
**SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW54

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair VanOrden, Senators Bjerke (Bjerke), Blaylock and Wintrow

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senators Harris, Zuiderveld, Coho (Lenney), Shippy, and Keyser

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chair VanOrden** called the meeting of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 3:00 p.m.

**NOTE:** **Chair VanOrden** stated the agenda would be reordered.

**PRESENTATION: Nutrition Day at the Capitol. Steve Owen**, Idaho Nutrition Coalition Chairman, highlighted the significance of Nutrition Day and stated the theme for this year was discovering the power of nutrition. He emphasized the vital role of nutrition in supporting overall health, including learning, disease prevention, and well-being across all stages of life. He also advocated for continued policy support, including consideration of the interstate dietitian licensure compact, to improve access to nutrition services and enhance workforce flexibility in Idaho.

**NOTE:** **Chair VanOrden** stated due to the lack of a quorum the Committee would address the following agenda items at the next meeting: Minutes of February 12, 2026, Minutes of February 16, 2026, and **H 714**.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chair VanOrden** adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

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Senator VanOrden  
Chair

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Secretary