

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, March 13, 2026

**TIME:** 8:30 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 8:30 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3 and 10, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 33592C1:** **Rep. Rob Beiswenger**, District 8, presented **RS 33592C1**, proposed legislation for the Medical Advanced Healing Act, a pilot program for the study of three specific psychedelic substances and their impact on post traumatic stress disorders.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 33592C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1255:** **Rep. Ben Fuhriman**, District 30, presented **S 1255** to update the involuntary commitment process to include detainment on the tribal facilities by tribal and non-tribal police officers. This allows tribal officers to better detain individuals until the non-tribal police arrive to take them into custody.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **S 1255** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Blake Youde**, on behalf of the Shosone Bannock Tribes, testified **in support of S 1255** stating there are only one to two annual situations of this nature.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1255** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Fuhriman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1257:** **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, and **Sen. Melissa Wintrow**, District 19, presented **S 1257**, to further improve the foster care system by allowing in-person, video, audio, and written parental visitations as set by the court. This provides more safety for the children and is particularly helpful for incarcerated parents.

Testifying **in support of S 1257** were **Jean Fisher**, Ex-administrator, Safety & Permanency Division, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW); **Ivy Walker**, Idaho Voices for Children; **Nicole Egbert**, Self; **Joseph Egbert**, Self; **Lindsay Wright**, Self; **Kevin Watson**, Self; **Monique Peyre**, Self.

They shared personal stories of foster children who had forced visits with abusive parents. Foster court cases move faster than a parent's criminal case. If a parent is incarcerated with no parole possibility, the child's need for permanency and safety must come before reunification. It was noted a child's physical and mental progress stops when they are in limbo and then restarts with permanency.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to send **S 1257** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Cayler** made a substitute motion to **HOLD S 1257** in committee.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE and 12 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Vander Woude, Larsen, Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Beiswenger, Fuhriman, McCann, Stone, Tanner(13), Rubel, Egbert.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** Roll call vote was requested. **Original motion carried by a vote of 13 AYE and 3 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Vander Woude, Larsen, Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Fuhriman, McCann, Stone, Tanner(13), Rubel, Egbert. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson. Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 808:** **Chairman Vander Woude** returned **H 808** to the committee for consideration, which was carried over from the meeting of Thursday, March 12, 2026.

Testifying **in support** of **H 808** were **Katie Miller, Self; Sarah Bacon, Self.**

They stated parents need to be in charge of their children's health without coercion. This legislation closes loop holes in the Medical Freedom Act.

Testifying **in opposition** to **H 808** were **Kelli Brassfield, Idaho Association of Counties; Toni Lawson, Idaho Hospital Association; Rebecca Coyle, Self; Holly Papa, Mormon Women for Ethical Government; Jonathan Wheatley, Association of Idaho Cities; Alex LeBeau, President, Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.**

The shared concerns regarding creating unnecessary liability, the resulting conflict between state laws and federal rules, removal of previous exemptions, the impact on any medical intervention, exposing the most vulnerable children to risk, the impact of losing the registry information, and the potential conflict for businesses with international employee requirements.

In closing comments **Rep. Beiswenger** stated Idahoans should have the right to make private medical decisions. He agreed some of the language is confusing and could be modified by amendments.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to **HOLD H 808** in committee.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Leavitt** made a substitute motion to send **H 808** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made an amended substitute motion to **Lay H 808 on the Table.**

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST:** **Rep. Leavitt** made a unanimous consent request to withdraw his substitute motion to send **H 808** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. There were objections.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to withdraw his substitute motion to send **H 808** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 8 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Vander Woude, Redman, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson, Tanner(13). Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Larsen, Healey, Wheeler, Fuhriman, McCann, Stone, Rubel, Egbert.**

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE ON  
AMENDED  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 8 AYE and 8 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Larsen, Healey, Wheeler, Fuhriman, McCann, Stone, Rubel, Egbert. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Vander Woude, Redman, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson, Tanner(13).**

**ROLL CALL  
VOTE ON  
SUBSTITUTE  
MOTION:**

Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 7 AYE and 9 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Redman, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson, Tanner(13). Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Vander Woude, Larsen, Healey, Wheeler, Fuhriman, McCann, Stone, Rubel, Egbert.**

**VOTE ON  
ORIGINAL  
MOTION:**

**Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the original motion to **HOLD H 808** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Cayler, Thompson, Leavitt, Tanner(13), and Redman** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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Representative Vander Woude  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary