

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 16, 2026

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

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson (Larsen), Representatives Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhrman, 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.

**UNANIMOUS  
CONSENT  
REQUEST:** **Chairman Vander Woude** made a unanimous consent request to hear **RS 33691** before **H 818**. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**RS 33691:** **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33691**, legislation for the Supplemental and Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) which will allow more nutritious foods while still restricting soda and candy.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Beiswenger** made a motion to introduce **RS 33691**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 818:** **Rep. Brooke Green**, District 18, presented **H 818**. This legislation protects future reproductive health for Idahoans undergoing cancer treatment by removing the insurance elective status for fertility preservation services. Cancer treatments and medicines side effects include future reproductive abilities. When diagnosed, patients have to make immediate decisions, including their future family opportunities.

**Dr. Rhiana Menen**, Surgeon, further presented information regarding the decreasing age of breast cancer patients and the critical decisions they face which may shatter their dreams of having a family.

**Dr. Cristen Slater**, Endocrinologist, presented information regarding the cost of gathering and storing sperm and embryos. Patients complete annual renewal forms and can choose if they want to continue storage. Philanthropic cost assistance remains available.

Testifying **in support** of **H 818** were: **Maximillian Oseland**, Self; **Shaylan Pease**, Self; **Rachel Meyer**, Self; **Kial Brotherson**, Self. They shared personal stories of the many decisions needed upon receiving their diagnoses, the impact of elective insurance for reproductive storage, and the ongoing impact of a diagnosis at 18 years of age.

**Norm Varin**, on behalf of Pacific Source Health Plans, testified **in neutrality** to **H 818**. He said the fiscal note indicates this coverage would be a benefit defrayal, as specified in the Affordable Care Act. The usage will expand with this coverage change. This legislation does not impact self-funded plans.

**Mr. Varin** also shared his personal experience witnessing the struggles family members faced when diagnosed.

In closing, **Rep. Green** emphasized the emotional roller coaster cancer patients experience. This legislation addresses a side effect of treatment, providing hope and input for patients. She indicated **H 818** will be held and improved upon during the interim.

Responding to questions, **Rep. Green**, said **H 818** is an incremental step toward addressing other fertility impacted illnesses or treatments. A minimal premium increase is expected.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to **HOLD H 818** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Representative Vander Woude  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary