

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 20, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, 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 meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 9, and 16, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Vander Woude turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson.**

H 913: **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **H 913**. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) includes work requirements which become effective January 1, 2027. This legislation's July 1, 2026, effective date allows additional time for the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) to notify and redetermine participant qualifications in groups before December 31, 2026. The early predetermination date maintains coverage while other options are found.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 913** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Answering questions, **Rep. Vander Woude** stated the DHW has budgeted for this redetermination which will be spread over several months, as has been successfully done with other determinations. The DHW will begin issuing redetermination notices two to three months in advance of the July process start date. There is a thirty-day appeals process for any denied redetermination. The federal requirements also reduce the annual reviews to every six months. With the federal regulations there is no further need for any work requirement waiver.

He noted the federally preferred one-month notice allows no time for non-qualifying Idahoans to have continued coverage. With the longer time frame, they can stay covered while looking for options. It also will provide better information on the number of individuals removed from the program for the 2027 legislative session.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 913** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Rubel** and **Egbert** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Vice Chairman Erickson turned the gavel over to **Chairman Vander Woude.**

S 1266: **Rep. Dori Healey**, District 15, presented **S 1266**, clean-up legislation to remove the 18 to 23 age group's inclusion in expedited placements. It also adds kinship placement.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **S 1266** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Healey** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- S 1316:** **Rep. Dori Healey**, District 15, presented **S 1316**, to remove the required reason when parents choose to opt-out of infant treatments.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to send **S 1316** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Healey** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary