

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, January 15, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
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Organizational Meeting

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Vander Woude	Rep Burgoyne
Vice Chairman Erickson	Rep Cayler
Rep Healey	Rep Fuhrman
Rep Redman	Rep Leavitt
Rep Wheeler	Rep McCann
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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 15, 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, Tanner(13), Rubel, Egbert

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Burgoyne

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Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Vander Woude introduced **Isabel Trinidad**, the committee page, and **Reps. Hall and Tanner (13)**, who are new committee members.

Along with other committee organizational business, **Reps. Egbert and McCann** were appointed proofreaders for the session minutes.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Monday, January 19, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	<u>Department of Health & Welfare</u>	
<u>RS 32847</u>	Background Checks	Jared Larsen, Chief of Staff
	<u>Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing</u>	
<u>RS 32853</u>	Denturity Regulatory Oversight	Ryan Bernard, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief
<u>RS 32859</u>	Board of Podiatry	Ryan Bernard
<u>RS 32861</u>	Controlled Substances Act Update	Nicki Chopski, Executive Director Board of PHarmacy

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32847: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, Department of Health and Welfare, presented **RS 32847** with changes in alignment with the federal background check requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 32847**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32853: **Ryan Bernard**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, presented **RS 32853** which merges the Board of Dentistry into the Board of Dentistry.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 32853**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32859: **Ryan Bernard**, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, presented **RS 32859** to merge the Board of Podiatry into the Board of Medicine.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 32859**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32861: **Nicki Chopski**, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, presented **RS 32861** which updates the Uniformed Controlled Substance Act by adding eleven new substances to Schedule I and two opioids to Schedule II. In collaboration with law enforcement, some substance names have been simplified. Additional changes are clerical in nature.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 32861**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Dept. of Health & Welfare Budget Review	Rep. Tanner (14)

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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Rep. Josh Tanner, District 14, Co-chair, Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC), presented information regarding the JFAC budgeting process, the constitutional balanced budget requirement, current budget hold back areas suggested by the Governor, yearly budget supplemental drivers, and the budget impact of in-process federal waivers. He explained the need for accurate, not anticipated, fiscal note information. He also expressed concern for Medicaid not being used as the originally designed safety net program. Rep. Tanner stressed the need for the committee's engagement in the budget decision making process.

Alex Williamson, Budget & Policy Analyst, Budget and Policy Analysis, said she handles budgets for Medicaid, Behavioral Health, and Indirect Support. She introduced **Morgan Poloni** who handles the budgets for Child Welfare, Licensing and Certification, Public Health, and Independent Living Councils.

Morgan Poloni, Budget & Policy Analyst, Budget and Policy Analysis, showed the committee how to obtain a variety of current and past budget information through the legislative website. She said the JFAC session budget presentations can be very helpful.

Keith Bybee, Division Manager, Budget and Policy Analysis, stated reports with inflation adjusted budget information are currently being developed.

Chairman Vander Woude told the committee the budget funds are short, no matter the reason, and adjustments have to be made. He would like the committee to make honest evaluations for a path forward to address the budget issue with some consensus. The final committee JFAC report date is estimated to be the first week in February.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Monday, January 26, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33005	Cottage Food Operations	Rep. Ehlers
RS 32915	Yellow Dot Program	Rep. Scott
RS 32945	Directed Blood Product Transfusions	Rep. Bruce
RS 32947	Health Care Cash Payments	Rep. Bruce
RS 32948	Health Benefit Plans - Cancer Medications	Rep. Bruce
RS 33050	Midwifery	Rep. Redman
RS 33015	Epinephrine Delivery Systems	Rep. Wheeler

There is no testimony taken for RS hearings.

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Redman

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Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He announced **RS 33050** had been removed from the agenda.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19 and 20, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33005: **Rep. Jeff Ehlers**, District 21, presented **RS 33005** to set the cottage food industries' small vendor standards.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 33005**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32945: **Rep. Chris Bruce**, District 23, presented **RS 32945** to allow directed blood donations.

MOTION: **Rep. Cayler** made a motion to introduce **RS 32945**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32947: **Rep. Chris Bruce**, District 23, presented **RS 32947** to allow disclosure of both cash and insurance prices, with either applied to the insurance deductible.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 32947**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32948: **Rep. Chris Bruce**, District 23, presented **RS 32948** for anti-cancer medication payment option parody.

MOTION: **Rep. Cayler** made a motion to return **RS 32948** to the sponsor.

**SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Tanner(13)** made a motion to introduce **RS 32948**.

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Rep. Cayler** made a unanimous consent request to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 32948**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33015: **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **RS 33015** to update the epinephrine school delivery systems.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 33015**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32915: **Rep. Heather Scott**, District 2, presented **RS 32915** to repeal the Yellow Dot Program.

MOTION: Rep. Beiswinger made a motion to introduce **RS 32915. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

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Secretary

AGENDA
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Room EW20
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO. 16-0210-2501	<u>Department of Health and Welfare</u> Idaho Reportable Diseases (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Jared Larsen, Chief of Staff
16-0227-2501	Idaho Radiation Control Rules (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Jared Larsen
16-0501-2501	Use and Disclosure of Department Records (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Jared Larsen
	<u>Your Health Idaho Annual Update</u>	Pat Kelly, Executive Director

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Wheeler, McCann

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Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.

DOCKET NO. 16-0210-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0210-2501**, a Zero Based Regulation (ZBR) chapter rewrite for reportable diseases. Changes include removal of information governed by HIPAA, federal law, or state law. No diseases are removed. Hemorrhagic fever and lead poisoning were added.

Answering a question, **Dr. Christine Hahn**, State Epidemiologist, DHW, said the table for diseases was redesigned to remove repetitive reporting language for ease of understanding.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0210-2501**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to **HOLD Docket No. 16-0210-2501** for time certain, February 3, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Being in doubt regarding the voice vote, **Vice Chairman Erickson** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 5 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Vander Woude, Healey, Redman, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson, Tanner(13). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Erickson, Fuhriman, Stone, Rubel, Egbert. Reps. Wheeler and McCann were absent/excused.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0227-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0227-2501**, which is a ZBR reduction of rules. New language addresses out-of-state licenses. No fees are impacted by the changes.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0227-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0501-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0501-2501** for use and disclosure of department records. This rule repeated authorities existing in the Idaho Public Records Act, HIPAA, or other government laws. This makes a precise statement of the DHW records release authority.

MOTION: **Rep. Beiswenger** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0501-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Pat Kelly, Executive Director, Your Health Idaho (YHI), presented a recap of their 2025 activities, 2026 enrollment, and plans for the coming year. YHI serves a diverse demographic, provides trusted solutions for health and dental insurance, has a 76 net promoter score for 2025, carries no debt, and maintains a six-month operating expenses cash reserve. There are over 1,000 statewide agents and brokers. As of 2025 YHI's revenue is now based on per member-per-month.

With the expiration of enhanced benefits, many enrollees selected or shifted to lesser plans or tiers. The original tax credit remains for 2026.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, January 28, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33050	Midwifery	Rep. Redman
DOCKET NO. 16-0321-2501	<u>Department of Health and Welfare</u> Developmental Disabilities Agencies (DDA) (Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Jared Larsen
16-0322-2501	Residential Assisted Living Facilities (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Jared Larsen
16-0417-2501	Residential Habilitation Agencies (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Jared Larsen

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

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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:** Representative(s) Beiswenger, Thompson

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Vice Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

DOCKET NO. 16-0321-2501: **Jared Larson**, Chief of Staff, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0321-2501**, a comprehensive and consolidating rewrite for Developmental Disabilities Agencies.

Invited to answer questions, **Ms. Fredde Trenkle**, Program Manager, Licensing & Certification, stated the physical restraint definition was moved from another chapter. Any use of restraints includes a treatment plan and written confirmation.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0321-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0322-2501: **Jared Larson**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0322-2501** which consolidates and removes redundant language for assisted living facilities.

Mr. Tom Moss, DHW, Program Supervisor, Licensing and Certification, explained the background check occurs after an employee is hired and stipulation is made to assure close supervision while it is being processed.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0322-2501.**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Cayler** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0322-2501** with the exception of **Section 009.03.b** because it is important to protect vulnerable Idahoans by assuring those caring for them have passed background checks prior to contact.

Responding to a comment, **Mr. Larsen** said while the current line-of-sight stipulation unduly restricts the supervisor from looking away from the employee, the one-to-one contact maintains the close supervision without any undue visual restriction.

For the record, **Mr. Larsen** said Idaho law requires legislative rule rejection with a finding of facts identifying how the rule is inconsistent with the corresponding Idaho Code. The substitute motion, although dealing with policy, still requires an explanation of how the Department has not complied with Idaho Code.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Rep. Cayler** made a unanimous consent request to withdraw his motion. There being no objection, the request was granted.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** call for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0322-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0417-2501: **Jared Larson**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0417-2501**, a duplicative chapter repeal for residential habilitation agencies.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0417-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

RS 33050: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33050** to update and modernize the seventeen year-old midwifery statute which is preventing best practice standards of care. The update also allows midwives to safely administer medication within their scope of practice, education, and training.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 33050**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 32884	Children - Federal Benefits	Rep. Tanner (14)
16-0602-2501	<u>Department of Health and Welfare</u> Foster Care Licensing - Temporary Rule	Jared Larsen, Chief of Staff
16-0602-2501	Foster Care Licensing - Pending Rule	Jared Larsen
16-0613-2501	Emergency Assistance for Families and Children (Chapter Repeal) - Pending Rule	Jared Larsen

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26 and 27, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 32884: **Rep. Josh Tanner(14)**, District 14, presented **RS 32884** to protect foster care Social Security benefits.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 32884**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

DOCKET NO. 16-0602-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0602-2501**, a temporary rule to implement 2025 enacted legislation. Answering questions, **Julie Sevcik**, Program Manager, Child and Family Services, DHW, said lengthy formal home assessments determine many factors.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to extend temporary **Docket No. 16-0602-2501** to July 1, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0602-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0602-2501**, a pending rule to implement the previous temporary rule.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0602-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0613-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0613-2501**, which removes duplication of the federally-directed Emergency Assistance for Families and Children Program.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0613-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33132	Medical Reform Act	Rep. Beiswenger
	<u>Department of Health and Welfare</u>	
16-0308-2502	Federal Welfare Programs (ZBR New Chapter) - Pending Rule	Jared Larsen, Chief of Staff
16-0308-2501	Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI) Program (Chapter Repeal) - Pending Rule	Jared Larsen
16-0414-2501	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (Chapter Repeal) - Pending Rule	Jared Larsen
16-0326-2501	Medicaid Plan Benefits (New Chapter)- Temporary Rule	Jared Larsen
16-0326-2501	Medicaid Plan Benefits (New Chapter)- Pending Rule	Jared Larsen
16-0313-2501	Consumer-Directed Services (Chapter Repeal)- Pending Rule	Jared Larsen

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**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Thompson

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RS 33132: **Rep. Rob Beiswenger**, District 8, presented **RS 33132** for the Medical Freedom Act. The changes clarify the sections for schools and daycares, vaccination registry, local preemptions, and international travel.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33132**.
A concern was voiced regarding the Statement of Purpose, with the recommendation it be rewritten to include the full scope of the proposed legislation.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33132**.
Motion carried by voice vote.
Chairman Vander Woude turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.

**DOCKET NO.
16-0308-2502:** **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0308-2502**, a new consolidated rule chapter for federal welfare programs.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0308-2502**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
16-0308-2501:** **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0308-2501** to repeal the existing Temporary Assistance for Families in Idaho (TAFI) independent chapter which is now included in the new federal welfare consolidated chapter.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0308-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
16-0414-2501:** **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0414-2501** to repeal the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEA) independent chapter. The unchanged information is now located in the new federal welfare consolidated chapter. Answering a question, he said the program is 100% federally funded at a cost of \$22.6M.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0414-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
16-0326-2501:** **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0326-2501**, a temporary new chapter to consolidate Medicaid benefits as stipulated in **H 345**, enacted in 2025. No new policies were added.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman**, made a motion to extend temporary **Docket No. 16-0326-2501** to July 1, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0326-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented pending **Docket No. 16-0326-2501**, which solidifies the previously approved temporary rule of the same number.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approved pending **Docket No. 16-0326-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0313-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0313-2501** to repeal the independent chapter for Consumer-Directed Services, which are consolidated in the new federal welfare programs chapter.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0313-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, February 03, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
16-0210-2501	Idaho Reportable Diseases (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule No further testimony will be taken.	Jared Larsen, Chief of Staff Department of Health & Welfare
RS 32849	Medicaid - Incarcerated Juveniles	Jared Larsen
H 497	Uniform Controlled Substances	Rep. Erickson

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Rep Redman	Rep Leavitt
Rep Wheeler	Rep McCann
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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 03, 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:** Representative(s) Thompson

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28 and 29, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

DOCKET NO. 16-0210-2501: Held previously for time certain, **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, Department of Health and Welfare, presented **Docket No. 16-0210-2501** for reportable diseases.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0210-2501.**

Answering a question, **Dr. Christine Hahn**, Idaho State Epidemiologist, said a physician would report a suspected disease prior to laboratory testing confirmation in order to provide the appropriate response or isolation time.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for the vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0210-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

RS 32849: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **RS 32849**, to comply with the Consolidated Appropriations Act for management services for juveniles under 19 years of age who are exiting juvenile correction facilities. Services will not begin until the funding is appropriated by the Joint Appropriations-Finance Committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 32849. Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 497: **Chairman Vander Woude** stated **H 497** will be held at the sponsor's request due to ongoing discussions and possible changes.

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

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, February 04, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33166	County Medical Indigent Program - Repeal	Rep. Redman
RS 33186	Patient Immigration Status	Rep. Redman
H 494	Background Checks - Health & Welfare	Rep. Wheeler
H 531	Epinephrine Delivery Systems	Rep. Wheeler

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 04, 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:** Representative(s) Thompson

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.

RS 33166: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33166**, proposed legislation to finalize the County Medical Indigent Program repeal in 2022.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 33166**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33186: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33186** to require specified immigration information and annual Legislative reports from the hospitals.

MOTION: **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to introduce **RS 33186**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 494: **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **H 494** to move the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) background checking administrative rules into Idaho statute. With no substantive changes, the move to Idaho statute provides better oversight, consistency, and clarity for both the Legislature and DHW. It also assures the Federal Bureau of Investigation requirements are met.

Jared Larsen, Chief of Staff, DHW, answering a question, said the background check cost of \$70 is paid by the individual. The background check is usually conducted early in the application process.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 494** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 531: **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **H 531** to align Idaho statute with current and evolving epinephrine administrating systems being used in the schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to send **H 531** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Brittany Shipley, Self, testified **in support** of **H 531**, requesting a broadening of the blood glucose testing parameters, further allowing children with non-listed illnesses to safely attend school.

Alicia Jordan, Registered Nurse, School Nurse, Member, National Board of School Nurses, testified **in support** of **H 531**, sharing information on the current nasal and future sublingual delivery systems.

Alexis Morgan, Idaho Parent Teacher Association, Director, Public Policy, testified **in support** of **H 531**. The removal of current restrictions will allow better emergency response in the schools. It will also eliminate stress for individuals who dislike needles.

In closing remarks, **Rep. Wheeler** stated he was unaware of the limited glucose testing issue and would prefer to pursue additional legislation instead of modifying **H 531**.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Chairman Vander Woude called for a vote on the motion to send **H 531** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
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AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, February 05, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33187	Cardiac Emergency Response - Schools	Rep. Wheeler
H 496	Podiatric Medical Practice Act	Rep. Ehlers
H 526	Cottage Food Operations	Rep. Ehlers

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 05, 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:** Representative(s) Fuhriman, Thompson

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3 and 4, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 496: **Chairman Vander Woude** stated the sponsor of **H 496** has requested the committee not hear this legislation today due to possible changes.

RS 33187: **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **RS 33187** to establish a requirement for a clear evidence-based cardiac response plan for schools.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 33187**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 526: **Rep. Jeff Ehlers**, District 21, presented **H 526** to help the \$5k and under cottage food industry merchants by creating a category exempt from the time and temperature control foods regulations. All other existing requirements remain the same.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 526** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Elizabeth Criner, on behalf of Food Northwest, testified **in opposition** to **H 526**, stating the addition of non-shelf stable items without the time and temperature control regulations pose a safety issue for consumers. It is also unclear if the labeling discloses potential allergens. They support and encourage the cottage food businesses.

Rep. Ehlers, in closing comments, said the entire cottage food industry follows the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act (IDAPA) labeling section. This legislation does not change those requirements.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 526** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ehlers** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
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AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Monday, February 09, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33180	Prior Authorization Reform Act	Rep. Wheeler Rep. Fuhriman
	Opening Budget Discussion	

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 09, 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

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Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2026, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33180: **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **RS 33180** to establish the Idaho Prior Authorization Act for improved transparency, consistency, and timeliness by health insurers and utilization-review organizations.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33180**.

Concern was expressed regarding the non-inclusion of peer-to-peer reviews.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33180**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

During the remainder of the meeting the committee discussed their findings, suggestions, and concerns regarding the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) suggested budget cuts.

Their short-term suggestions to meet the immediate budget cuts included use of the Reserve Fund, repeal of Medicaid Expansion, rate reductions for hospitals in strong financial positions, a Residential Habilitation Provider rate decrease of 1%, increase of the Medicaid Expansion work history requirement from 30 to 90 days, a decrease of the 500 DHW Medicaid re-evaluation employees, re-negotiating contracts to delay or decrease payments, decrease of the Extended Foster Care Program age limit, and alignment of the DHW employee benefits with industry standards.

The committee also made long-term recommendations which included streamlining the DHW's program efficiency, re-evaluating the Residential Habilitation Agencies' tiers and pricing utilization, auditing all of the DHW programs, developing contract stipulations regarding price increases and accountability, providing the DHW with evidence-based tools to assure the right level of care is being delivered, and reviewing hospital medication charges.

The committee noted the provider 4% increase was instigated by the Governor, not the Legislature. Additionally, any use of the Millennium Fund for the budget deficit goes beyond the set up and intent of the fund. The current reserve balance is considerably beyond the reserve cap stated in statute and could easily cover the deficit.

Concerns expressed by the committee were the lack of data needed to determine the impact of any budget cuts, assuring minimal disruption for Idahoans and counties when cuts are made, and maintaining the population's needs, which do not go away.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Department of Health and Welfare Budget	Juliet Charron, Director

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 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

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Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2026, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Juliet Charron, Director, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented the DHW Budget requests with General Fund reductions included.

Fiscal year (FY) 2026 supplemental requests encompass adjustment for the State Hospital Fund, population forecast, Medicaid provider rate, hospital assessment fund, the Making Rural Idaho Healthy Again Program, and a transfer limitation exemption.

Director Charron then detailed the FY 2027 line-item requests for child, youth and family services, the Idaho Child Care Program, kinship navigation services, the Idaho Home Visiting Program, re-appropriation authority, and a transfer limitation exemption.

For Medicaid FY 2027, the Director explained requests covered the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), an estate recovery system contractor, the program integrity contract expansion, staff increases, caseload and cost-based maintenance, the population forecast maintenance, and a provider rate adjustment.

The Division of Welfare, formerly Self Reliance, requests include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid expansion work requirements, and Medicaid eligibility determination system changes.

Line-item requests for indirect support services are comprised of the background check unit, information technology services, the Making Rural Idaho Healthy Again Program, plus facility maintenance and equipment.

Due to time constraints **Director Charron** stated she would be willing to explain the remaining line items to the committee at another meeting or individually.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, February 11, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 528	Directed Blood Product Transfusion	Rep. Bruce
DOCKET NO. 15-0230-2401	Idaho Commission For The Blind - Business Enterprise Program - ZBR Chapter Rewrite	Arianah Ruzovich, Specialist, Business Enterprise Program
H 550	Midwives - Medicine Administration	Rep. Redman
RS 33250	Midwives - Medicine Administration	Rep. Redman

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 11, 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

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Vice Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

H 528: **Rep. Chris Bruce**, District 23, presented **H 528** to allow self or directed blood donations following federal guidelines for collection and processing. This provides freedom of choice and addresses situations when this choice has been denied.

MOTION: **Rep. Beiswinger** made a motion to send **H 528** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

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

Answering questions, **Rep. Bruce** said the directed donations are tested in compliance with federal requirements. Gross negligence would be an intentional act to harm.

Testifying in support of **H 528** were **Laura Demaray**, Self; **Amanda Cox**, Self; **Dr. John Tribble**, Physician; **Liz James**, Pharmacist; **Shanie McLaren**, Self; **Clinton Ohlers**, Self; **Sarah Bacon**, Self; **Sierra Hamm**, Nurse; **Leslie Manookian**, Health Freedom Defence Fund; **Jessica Shinneman**, Self.

Their concerns included direct donation barriers and red tape, protection of patient choice, the blood industry's interest in profit over autonomy, the reasons for directed blood donations, and the current need to go out of state to make donations.

Testifying in opposition to **H 528** were **Michael Martinez**, Vitalant Blood Donation; **Nicole Sirak Irwin**, Director, Red Cross; **Dr. Bart Hill**, Board Member, American Red Cross of Greater Idaho; **Melinda Merrill**, Board Member, Red Cross.

They explained the direct donated blood often goes unused, creates extra cost due to the special processing required, the various situations when a directed transfusion can cause reactions, the physician order requirement, the types of preservatives placed in directed donations to assure product shelf life, the impact on family members who participate in directed donations, and the extra burden on blood banks during the current nationwide blood shortage.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a substitute motion to send **H 528** to General Orders.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Thompson** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 7 AYE and 9 NAY. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Erickson, Healey, Wheeler, Fuhriman, McCann, Rubel, Egbert. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Vander Woude, Redman, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson, Stone, Tanner(13).**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Rep. Cayler requested a roll call vote. **Original motion carried by a vote of 10 AYE and 6 NAY.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Vander Woude, Redman, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, McCann, Thompson, Stone, Tanner(13).** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Erickson, Healey, Wheeler, Fuhriman, Rubel, Egbert.** Rep. Bruce will sponsor the bill on the floor.
Chairman Vander Woude turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson.**

DOCKET NO. 15-0230-2401: **Arianah Ruzovich**, Business Enterprise Specialist, Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired, presented **Docket No. 15-0230-2401**, with changes to streamline the Business Enterprise Program rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 15-0230-2401.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 550: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **H 550** to update and modernize the existing midwifery statute and provide safe administration of specific medications. He said **H 550** is being replaced by **RS 33250** and requested **H 550** be held in committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to **HOLD H 550** in committee.
Testifying in support of **H 550** were **Kathy Watkins**, Nurse Midwife; **Rebecca Holmstead**, Midwife; **Charity Catlin**, Licensed Midwife; **Valerie Hall**, Licensed Midwife; **Jeremy Chou**, representing the Idaho Medical Association.
Their testimony included the problems faced with the limitations of rural areas and the unnecessary, costly transport of mothers who could remain comfortably at home with this broadened range of medication.
Megan Wollaston, Self, testified in opposition to **H 550**, sharing how the delay in transport led to the loss of her baby. Improved transport timelines and safety requirements are needed.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to **HOLD H 550** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33250: **Rep. Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33250** to replace **H 550**. The changes update rulemaking to define a formulary and protocol. Medications is changed to specify "maternal and neonatal care defined in the formulary and protocol."

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33250** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, February 12, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33336	Preceptor Prior Authorization Exemption	Rep. Wheeler Rep. Healey
15-0101-2501	Rules Governing Senior Services and Older Americans Act Programs (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Judy Taylor, Director, Idaho Commission on Aging
15-0120-2501	Rules Governing Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Operations (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)- Pending Rule	Judy Taylor

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 12, 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:** Representative(s) Leavitt

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.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33336: **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **RS 33336** proposed legislation for one-year medical preceptor exemptions in three sub-specialities. The Department of Health and Welfare will absorb the costs and use existing staff for this pilot program which has a cap on the number of participants.

MOTION: **Rep. Stone** made a motion to introduce **RS 33336**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Chairman Vander Woude turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.

DOCKET NO. 15-0101-2501: **Judy Taylor**, Director, Commission on Aging, presented **Docket No. 15-0101-2501**, which is a chapter rewrite to streamline and simplify language.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 15-0101-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 15-0120-2501: **Judy Taylor**, Director, Commission on Aging, presented **Docket No. 15-0120-2501** to repeal this federally duplicative Area Agency on Aging chapter.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 15-0120-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Friday, February 13, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	<u>Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL)</u>	
	DOPL Rules Overview	Russ Baron
24-0901-2501	Rules of the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (Chapter Repeal)- Pending Rule	John Price, Bureau Chief
24-1901-2501	Rules of the Board of Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators (Chapter Repeal)- Pending Rule	John Price
24-1701-2501	Rules of the State Board of Acupuncture (Fee Rule)- Pending Rule	John Price
24-4101-2501	Rules of the Long-Term Care Administrators Board (New Chapter)- Pending Rule	John Price

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Chairman Vander Woude	Rep Burgoyne
Vice Chairman Erickson	Rep Cayler
Rep Healey	Rep Fuhriman
Rep Redman	Rep Leavitt
Rep Wheeler	Rep McCann
Rep Beiswenger	Rep Thompson

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 13, 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 the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2026, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Vice Chairman Erickson informed the committee **Docket No. 24-4101-2501** will be heard first.

Russ Baron, Administrator, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL), explained the legislative audit, board cash balances, quarterly board financial reports, fee holidays, and the fee adjustment plan.

DOCKET NO. 24-4101-2501: **John Price**, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-4101-2501**, which merges the boards for the Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators and the Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators into a new chapter for the Long-Term Care Administrators. There are no substantive changes made beyond resultant reformatting.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-4101-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0901-2501: **John Price**, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-0901-2501**, a chapter repeal for the Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators which has been merged into the Long-Term Care Administrators new chapter, effective July 1, 2026.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-0901-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1901-2501: **John Price**, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-1901-2501**, the repeal for the independent Examiners of Residential Care Facility Administrators chapter, which was merged into the Long-Term Care Administrators new chapter, effective July 1, 2026.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1901-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1701-2501: **John Price**, Bureau Chief, Occupational Licensing Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-1701-2501** for the State Board of Acupuncture. Changes include removing duplication with other statute and the supervisor written notice. The board-approved fee increases meet code expectations, adjust for the lack of increases over the past ten years, and assure the board meets its financial obligations.

Heather Bergstrom, Licensed Acupuncturist, representing the Idaho Acupuncturist Association, testified **in support** of **Docket No. 24-1701-2501**, stating the fees have not kept pace with increasing costs and do not cause any hardship for practicing acupuncturists.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1701-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Monday, February 16, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 558	Children - Federal Benefits	Rep. Tanner (14)
RS 33377	Health Insurance Cost-Sharing	Rep. Cannon

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 16, 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 the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
H 558: **Rep. Josh Tanner**, District 14, presented **H 558**. This assures any foster child's Social Security survivor benefit funds are available when the child transitions out of foster care, including veteran survivor benefits. There are no federal guidelines or standards.
MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 558** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Tanner(14)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
RS 33377: **Rep. David Cannon**, District 30, presented **RS 33377** to ban health insurance co-pay accumulators. This corrects the current practice of not applying third-party medication assistance payments to a patient's co-pay.
MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33377**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	<u>Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing</u>	
24-2601-2501	Rules of Midwifery (Fee Rule)- Temporary Rule	Orin Duffin, Program Director, Health Professionbs Bureau
24-2601-2501	Rules of Midwifery (Fee Rule)- Pending Rule	Orin Duffin
24-3101-2501	Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry (Fee Rule)- Temporary Rule	Orin Duffin
24-3101-2501	Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry (Fee Rule)- Pending Rule	Orin Duffin
24-3401-2501	Rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing (Fee Rule)- Temporary Rule	Orin Duffin
24-3401-2501	Rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing (Fee Rule)-Pending Rule	Orin Duffin
24-0601-2501	Rules for the Licensure of Occupational Therapists (Fee Rule)- Pending Rule	Orin Duffin
24-2301-2501	Rules of the Speech, Hearing, and Communication Services Licensure Board (Fee Rule)- Pending Rule	Ryan Bernard, Chief, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
24-1301-2501	Rules Governing the Physical Therapy Licensure Board (Fee Rule)- Pending Rule	Orin Duffin

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 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:** Representative(s) McCann

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. and welcomed **Rep. Zaken**, who is substituting for **Rep. Redman**.

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

DOCKET NO. 24-2601-2501: **Orin Duffin**, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL), on behalf of the Idaho Midwifery Board, presented **Docket No. 24-2601-2501**, a temporary rule for a licensure fee decrease. In addition, the refund for license non-renewal or non-issuance was removed to cover the administrative processing costs.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to extend temporary **Docket No. 24-2601-2501** to July 1, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-2601-2501: **Orin Duffin**, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, on behalf of the Idaho Midwifery Board, presented **Docket No. 24-2601-2501**, a pending rule for a licensure fee decrease. Other changes include removal of the license non-renewal or non-issuance refund.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve pending **Docket No. 24-2601-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3101-2501: **Orin Duffin**, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, presented temporary **Docket No. 24-3101-2501** for a fee decrease and fee holiday for the Board of Dentistry. This allows fee adjustment once the holiday expires.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to extend temporary **Docket No. 24-3101-2501** to July 1, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3101-2501: **Orin Duffin**, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, presented pending **Docket No. 24-3101-2501** for a fee decrease and fee holiday for the Board of Dentistry. A fee adjustment is possible after the holiday expires.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve pending **Docket No. 24-3101-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3401-2501: **Orin Duffin**, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, presented temporary **Docket No. 24-3401-2501** for the Idaho Board of Nursing. He requested an extension to July 1, 2026.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to extend temporary **Docket No. 24-3401-2501** to July 1, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3401-2501: **Orin Duffin**, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, presented pending **Docket No. 24-3401-2501**, a fee decrease for the Idaho Board of Nursing.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve pending **Docket No. 24-3401-2501**.
Rep. Healey declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to approve pending **Docket No. 24-3401-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-0601-2501: **Orin Duffin**, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-0601-2501**. This is a 100% increase in fees for the Board of Occupational Therapists whose cash balance is below the average five-year rolling limit and is expected to continue to decline. The low balance is a result of historical fee decreases, the division-wide spread of DOPL's moving costs, and the required purchase of licensure software. The fee increase will be as temporary as possible.

MOTION: **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to reject **Docket No. 24-0601-2501** in its entirety because it is inconsistent with legislative intent and questions continue regarding the need for the fee increases. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-2301-2501: **Ryan Bernard**, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief, DOPL, presented **Docket No. 24-2301-2501**, on behalf of the Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensing Board. The changes add the licensing category and fees for video remote interpreting providers.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-2301-2501**. **Motion carried voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-1301-2501: **Orin Duffin**, Program Director, Health Professions Bureau, DOPL, on behalf of the Physical Therapists Licensure Board, presented **Docket No. 24-1301-2501**. The Board's rolling cash balance continues to decline due to costs pertaining to their consolidation into DOPL, required software, and a decrease in licensees.
Committee discussion included the fee table layouts, disparity among the various licensing fees, and the impact of DOPL's expenses.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-1301-2501**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Leavitt** made a substitute motion to reject **Docket No. 24-1301-2501** in its entirety because it is inconsistent with legislative intent and questions continue regarding the need for the fee increases.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 6 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Vander Woude, Erickson, Zaken, Beiswinger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson, Tanner(13). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Healey, Wheeler, Fuhriman, Stone, Rubel, Egbert. Rep. McCann** was absent/excused.

ADJOURN: **Vice Chairman Erickson** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Vander Woude**.
There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, February 18, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33422	Foster Care - Child Safety	Rep. Wheeler
RS 33310C1	Residential Care - Children	Rep. Erickson
H 578	Medicaid, incarcerated juveniles	Rep. Erickson

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Rep Healey Rep Fuhriman
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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Healey, Redman (Zaken), Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, McCann, Thompson, Hall (Stone), Tanner(13), Rubel, Egbert

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) McCann, Thompson

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 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 12, and 16, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 578: **Chairman Vander Woude** announced **H 578** has been removed from the agenda by the sponsor.

RS 33422: **Rep. Josh Wheeler**, District 35, presented **RS 33422** to establish a Foster Youth Bill of Rights to assure children in foster care clearly understand and receive basic safety considerations and essential needs. This codifies what the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) already follows and guides the judiciary branch.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 33422**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33310C1: **Rep. Marco Erickson**, District 33, presented **RS 33310C1** for youth in residential care facilities. This proposed legislation codifies existing DHW and contract providers procedures.

Rep. Burgoyne expressed her objection to a youth bill of rights because such rights are vested with the parents.

Rep. Erickson explained the DHW is their guardian. This legislation pertains to youth who are in facilities.

MOTION: **Rep. Fuhriman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33310C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Vander Woude thanked **Isabel Trinidad** for being the committee's page during the first half of the session.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, February 19, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33263	Dental Health Care Service Plans	Rep. Healey
RS 33042	Medical Neglect	Rep. Cayler
RS 33328	SNAP - Data Sharing Agreements	Rep. Vander Woude

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Vander Woude Rep Burgoyne
Vice Chairman Erickson Rep Cayler
Rep Healey Rep Fuhriman
Rep Redman (Zaken) Rep Leavitt
Rep Wheeler Rep McCann
Rep Beiswenger Rep Thompson

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Healey, Redman (Zaken), Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, McCann, Thompson, Hall (Stone), Tanner(13), Rubel, Egbert

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Wheeler

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.

Vice Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the February 13, 2026, meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33263: **Rep. Dori Healey**, District 15, presented **RS 33263**, proposed legislation for dental loss ratio transparency to include annual reporting.

MOTION: **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to introduce **RS 33263**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33042: **Rep. Lucas Cayler**, District 11, presented **RS 33042** to prevent child protective services removing children based on false reports. Definitions are clarified and exemptions are listed. It also pertains to vulnerable adults.

MOTION: **Rep. Beiswinger** made a motion to introduce **RS 33042**.

Answering questions, **Rep. Cayler** said the intent of the legislation is to allow parents to determine the healthcare of their family without being called into question. This avoids false allegations which would impact the family's unity. The medical neglect definition is already in Idaho Code.

Concern was expressed by committee members regarding hindering reporting of abuses, the lack of alternative medicine definition or parameters, and the private right of action clause, which already exists in Tort Law.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Rep. Leavitt** requested a roll call vote. **Motion failed by a tie vote of 7 AYE, 7 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Zaken, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson, Tanner(13). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Erickson, Healey, Fuhriman, McCann, Stone, Rubel, Egbert. Reps. Vander Woude, Wheeler were absent/excused.**

Vice Chairman Erickson put the committee at ease at 9:27 a.m.

Vice Chairman Erickson resumed the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

RS 33328: **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 33328** to codify the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits current practices and program administration. Although largely a federal program, the administration is funded through Idaho General Funds.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 33328**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Monday, February 23, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 591	Financial Assistance Eligibility	Rep. Redman
RS 33469	Idaho Direct Primary Care Act	Rep. Fuhriman
RS 33466	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	Rep. Fuhriman
RS 33407	Assertive Community Treatment	Rep. Fuhriman

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Rep Healey Rep Fuhriman
Rep Redman Rep Leavitt
Rep Wheeler Rep McCann
Rep Beiswenger Rep Thompson

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 23, 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 the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- Chairman Vander Woude** welcomed **Allie Silver**, the committee's page for the second half of the session.
- H 591:** **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **H 591**, to remove the last section of Idaho Code for the County Medical Indigent Program, which was repealed in 2022.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Healey** made a motion to send **H 591** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Redman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 33469:** **Rep. Ben Fuhriman**, District 30, presented **RS 33469** to add physical therapy to the provider list in the Direct Primary Care Act, with no scope of care change.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33469.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33466:** **Rep. Ben Fuhriman**, District 30, presented **RS 33466**, a joint memorial to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requesting clarification of the roles played by insurance companies, state insurance departments, and the CMS for submitting and issuing insurance plans. It also requests CMS look into the current practices, addressing situations experienced by the Department of Insurance.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33466.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 33407:** **Rep. Ben Fuhriman**, District 30, presented **RS 33407**, to move the Assertive Community Team (ACT) Program into statute. The ACT Program for individuals with extreme mental illness was terminated by the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) as a cost-cutting effort. At that time the program's services were unbundled and the individuals were transitioned to a managed-care program.
- Because this population is not suited to pursuing their own services due to their extreme mental health issues, there has been a notable increase in emergency use of law enforcement and hospitals. To reinstate the program new funding avenues are being explored and application for a replacement CMS waiver will be requested.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 33407.**
- Committee comments included funding concerns, the need to help this volatile population, and the cap on participants.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Rep. Egbert requested a roll call vote. **Motion carried by a unanimous vote of 16 AYE. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Vander Woude, Erickson, Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, McCann, Thompson, Stone, Tanner(13), Rubel, Egbert.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, February 24, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS 33431</u>	Daycare Supervision Requirements	Rep. Ehardt
<u>RS 33042C1</u>	Medical Neglect	Rep. Cayler
<u>RS 33488</u>	Medicaid Managed Care	Rep. Vander Woude
<u>RS 33491</u>	Medicaid - Provider Payments	Rep. Vander Woude

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Rep Egbert

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 24, 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:** Representative(s) Leavitt

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18 and 19, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33431: **Rep. Barbara Ehardt**, District 33, presented **RS 33431** to correct previous legislation for daycare supervision.

MOTION: **Rep. Erickson** made a motion to introduce **RS 33431**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33042C1: **Rep. Lucas Cayler**, District 11, presented **RS 33042C1** to redefine medical neglect and false reporting when children are removed from their parents.

MOTION: **Rep. Beiswenger** made a motion to introduce **RS 33042C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

RS 33488: **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 33488**. The overview committee is asking to hire a consultant, contingent upon the Speaker and Pro Tempore approval, to aid them in the Medicaid contract review process.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33488**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33491: **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 33491**. This proposed residential rehabilitation provider legislation removes the fee increase given during COVID and subsequent General Funding. Answering a question, he said this decreases their current 15-minute increment from \$7.58 to \$7.07.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33491**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Wednesday, February 25, 2026

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<https://www.idahoptv.org/shows/idahoinsession/ew20/>

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33496	Safety Checks - Infants	Rep. Tanner (13)
H 497	Uniform Controlled Substances	Rep. Erickson
RS 33450	Uniform Controlled Substances	Rep. Erickson

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Rep Healey Rep Fuhriman
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Rep Wheeler Rep McCann
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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 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:** Representative(s) McCann

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.

Vice Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17 and 23, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33496: **Rep. Steve Tanner**, District 13, presented **RS 33496**, proposed legislation for child safety when parents or guardians have a high risk history. The Department of Health and Welfare is instructed to make investigations and actions in these situations the highest priority.

MOTION: **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to introduce **RS 33496**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Vice Chairman Erickson turned the gavel over to **Rep. Healey**.

H 497: **Rep. Marco Erickson**, District 33, presented **H 497**, the annual update of the uniform controlled substance schedules, in response to federal updates.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to **HOLD H 497** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33450: **Rep. Marco Erickson**, District 33, presented **RS 33450**, which replaces **H 497**, the updates for the uniform controlled substance schedules.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to introduce **RS 33450** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

Rep. Redman declared Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Rep. Healey** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33450** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
Rep. Erickson will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rep. Healey turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Representative Healey
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Thursday, February 26, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS 33403</u>	Podiatry Medical Practice	Rep. Ehlers
<u>H 713</u>	Health Insurance - Cost-Sharing Requirements	Rep. Cannon
<u>H 655</u>	Preceptors - Prior Authorization Exemption	Rep. Wheeler
<u>RS 33527</u>	Preceptors - Prior Authorization Exemption	Rep. Wheeler
<u>H 723</u>	Children's Residential Facilities	Rep. Erickson

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 26, 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:** Representative(s) McCann

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.

RS 33403: **Rep. Jeff Ehlers**, District 21, presented **RS 33403** to move the podiatry medical practice rules into statute.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33403**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 713: **Rep. David Cannon**, District 30, presented **H 713** to eliminate the health care insurance industry's co-pay accumulator policy which does not apply a third party's monetary assistance to a patient's co-pay.

Rep. Fuhriman declared Rule 80, stating a possible conflict of interest.

Rep. Ben Fuhriman, District 30, continued the presentation of **H 713**. He explained how the various insurance exchange plans and their high deductibles impact families. Although this policy change may increase rates, he estimated it would be minimal. All insurance plans, except self-funded plans, use accumulators.

Rep. Redman declared Rule 80, stating a possible conflict of interest.

Testifying **in support** of **H 713** were **Tiffany Mecham**, Self; **Lisal Drollinger**, Self; **Trevor Drollinger**, Self.

They explained the impact of expensive medications on individuals and families. This legislation allows recognition and better use of funds from families or financial assistance programs they would not pursue otherwise. Patients faced with expensive medications make decisions at difficult times, often leading to more expensive consequences. Some families have intentionally lowered their income in order to obtain Medicaid coverage. This legislation with no budgetary impact has a great impact on Idaho families.

Steve Thomas, Association of Idaho Health Plans, testified **in opposition** to **H 713** because it might increase plan deductibles and the maximum out-of-pocket expense limits. It may also be in conflict with the existing kick-back statute.

In closing remarks **Rep. Fuhriman** stated the families who chose to not manipulate the Medicaid system need this help and reward. **Rep. Cannon** shared a personal story of a family member's injury, billing frustrations, and the decision to pay a bill rather than pursue its insurance payment.

MOTION: **Rep. Wheeler** made a motion to send **H 713** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Committee discussion included concern regarding further government involvement, resultant hidden or unexpected costs, the need for immediate assistance for this burden, and the impact on small businesses.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:**

Rep. Cayler requested a roll call vote. **Motion failed by a vote of 7 AYE, 8 NAY, and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Vander Woude, Erickson, Wheeler, Fuhriman, Stone, Rubel, Egbert. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Healey, Redman, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson, Tanner(13). Rep. McCann** was absent/excused. **H 713** will be held in committee.

H 655:

Rep. Josh Wheeler, District 35, presented **H 655** for a twelve-month Medicaid exemption preceptor pilot program to allow more time for physicians to spend training medical students. The program applies to only three specialties, caps each specialty at 100 providers, and the outcomes will be evaluated.

MOTION:

Rep. Rubel made a motion to **HOLD H 655** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33527:

Rep. Josh Wheeler, District 35, presented **RS 33527** which replaces **H 655**. The legislation updates **H 655** to include advanced practice providers and physician assistants, with the same specialty provider cap. He requested it be introduced and sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

MOTION:

Rep. Redman made a motion to introduce **RS 33527** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar.

Answering questions, **Rep. Wheeler** said the pilot program removes the lengthy administrative requirements, leaving physicians time to train medical students or see patients.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Chairman Vander Woude called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33527** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Burgoyne** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Wheeler** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 723:

Rep. Marco Erickson, District 33, presented **H 723** to improve quality of care for youth in facilities. Along with the four new sections, annual unannounced inspections of each facility will be conducted, including interviews with residents and staff. This provides transparency for youth and parents. Including an ombudsman would be an additional cost which can be considered at a later date.

MOTION:

Rep. Redman made a motion to send **H 723** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Responding to questions, **Rep. Erickson** said the included youth bill of rights empowers the residents to contact child protection if there is a violation. Although these youth rights already exist but are not shared with the youth or parents.

Brittany Shipley, Self, testified **in support of H 723**, stating the residents in the facilities require extensive support and high levels of care. This legislation safeguards families and youth. The current children's ombudsmen does not cover youth in facilities.

Jessica Hayes, Self, testified **in support of H 723**, sharing her experience in a facility, the various negative and abusive treatment she experienced, including the lack of academic classes and outside world contact. The family was impacted not only by her trauma, but also her parents' realization the facility was misleading them and she was not kept safe. She asked the committee to make Idaho a safe state where rights are real and children are safe, protected, and receive effective treatment. No child should need treatment because of the treatment they received.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:**

Chairman Vander Woude called for a vote on the motion to send **H 723** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Erickson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Monday, March 02, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33371	Dental Hygienists	Rep. Redman
RS 33372	Practice of Physican Assistants	Rep. Redman
RS 33381	Child Protection	Rep. Burgoyne
RS 33365	Family Personal Care Services	Rep. Rubel
RS 33541	Medical Mandates	Rep. Beiswenger

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 02, 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:** Representative(s) Wheeler

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.

RS 33371: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33371**, to expand the scope of practice for dental hygienists.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 33371**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33372: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33372**, to expand the scope of practice for physician assistants.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 33372**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33381: **Rep. Tanya Burgoyne**, District 29, presented **RS 33381** to help foster children stay in the school they attend prior to placement in foster care.

MOTION: **Rep. Healey** made a motion to introduce **RS 33381**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33365: **Rep. Ilana Rubel**, District 18, presented **RS 33365** for the restoration of the Family Personal Care Services Program (FPCS). The fiscal note includes family hours, which impact third party hours.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33365**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33541: **Rep. Rob Beiswenger**, District 8, presented **RS 33541**, for the Medical Freedom Act. This revision of **H 574** removes the cause of action statement.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33541**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, March 03, 2026

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
HCR 30	Resolution - Medicaid Managed Care	Rep. Vander Woude
RS 33537	Sales of Cigars	Rep. Petzke
RS 33538	Fertility Preservation Services	Rep. Green
HJM 16	Medicare - Market Stability	Rep. Fuhriman

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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 03, 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:** Representative(s) Wheeler, McCann

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 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24 and 25, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

HCR 30: **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **HCR 30** to allow the hiring of a consultant to review and provide input as the managed care contracts are developed, thus providing expertise not available in the legislature. There will be a cost of \$200,000.

Sen. Julie VanOrden, District 30, further explained the Medicaid Review Panel members are not familiar with requests for proposal (RFPs), especially those needed for this \$6B contract. Someone with specific knowledge will be an important asset to help the legislature have a voice in the process.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **HCR 30** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Vander Woude stated the funding will be through the legislative body's budget. The use of a consultant will continue beyond the legislative session through the Medicaid Review Panel. Selection will occur as soon as possible to fit within the Department of Health and Welfare's RFP time frame.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Erickson** called for a vote on the motion to send **HCR 30** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Thompson** and **Leavitt** 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**.

RS 33537: **Rep. James Petzke**, District 21, presented **RS 33537**, proposed legislation to allow special tobacco selling permits for non-permanent locations. Sales to minors will continue to be restricted. The license fee is expected to be small and not impact tax rates.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33537.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33538: **Rep. Brooke Green**, District 18, presented **RS 33538** to provide initial medically-necessary coverage for fertility preservation instead of its current elective status. This is important for cancer patients of child bearing age who often face treatment and family preservation decisions while under extreme emotional and medical pressure. Without insurance coverage they must choose between starting life-saving therapy or the expensive out-of-pocket financing of fertility preservation. While oncology advancements allow patients to live longer, cancer treatments can permanently damage reproductive function.

MOTION: **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to introduce **RS 33538**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HJM 16: **Rep. Ben Fuhriman**, District 30, presented **HJM 16**. All Medicare insurance plans must apply to the Department of Insurance (DOI) to market their plans. After approval this year, the companies caused nation-wide access and commission payment difficulties for which the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) were unprepared. **HJM 16** states Idaho's support of efforts by the CMS to assure the marketplace is stable and senior citizens have access to plans.

Dean Cameron, Director, DOI, stated the department's goal is to assure seniors have access to coverage. Companies file with the CMS, as stipulated in federal law. They must also be licensed in Idaho, abide by Idaho law, be financially solvent, and follow market-conduct. Because of the market changes, carriers withdrew from the marketplace after they had filed, impacting coverage access for seniors, who have a limited time frame to select coverage. Insurance websites were shut down, agents were discouraged from writing plans, and applications were removed from remaining websites. CMS has no current method for handling this situation, which is now in the court system.

Reps. Redman and **Fuhriman** declared Rule 80, stating a possible conflict of interest.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **HJM 16** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Fuhriman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE
9:00 A.M.
Room EW20
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 33677	Medicaid Provider Payments	Rep. Vander Woude
RS 33626	Rural Health Transformation Fund	Rep. Redman
H 758	Daycare - Supervision Requirements	Rep. Ehardt

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Rep Healey Rep Fuhriman
Rep Redman Rep Leavitt
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MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 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.

MOTION: **Rep. Egbert** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26 and March 2, 2026, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

RS 33677: **Rep. John Vander Woude**, District 22, presented **RS 33677**, a reintroduction of **H 759** with better itemizations, streamlined audit cost surveys, and an audit deadline of December, 2027. Rates are subject to appropriation funding.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to introduce **RS 33677** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Vander Woude** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

RS 33626: **Rep. Jordan Redman**, District 3, presented **RS 33626** to establish an oversight committee for the recently awarded rural health program federal funds.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 33626**.

Responding to questions, **Rep. Redman** stated he has been assured there will be a minority member included on the committee. This legislation is a replacement for **S 1284**, which is not progressing out of committee.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 33626**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 758: **Rep. Barbara Ehardt**, District 33, presented **H 758**. This legislation allows the use of a baby monitor, with the provider remaining within hearing distance, when the children are sleeping. It also clarifies the provider's school-age children are not counted in the children limit.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 758** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Elizabeth Noonan, Self, testified in **opposition** to **H 758**. Active video, not audio, monitoring is better. The provider's children require different care. The changes are not professionally good for the businesses or children.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Vander Woude** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 758** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Ehardt** and **Furniss** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Representative Vander Woude
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary