

## **The House Committee on Public Health**

87th Legislature

September 14, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on July 6, 2022, the House Committee on Public Health met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Klick, at 10:06 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Klick; Allison; Jetton; Jones; Price; and Zwiener.

A quorum was present.

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Chair made opening remarks.

(Representative Guerra now present.)

The Committee heard testimony on the following interim charges and topics:

Assess ongoing challenges in the rural health care system and the impact of legislation and funding from the 87th regular and special sessions on strengthening rural health care and the sustainability of rural hospitals and health care providers. Evaluate federal regulations authorizing the creation of a Rural Emergency Hospital provider type and determine if promoting this type of facility could increase local access to care in rural areas of the state.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Smith now present.)

(Representative Oliverson now present.)

(Representative Campos now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

Examine existing resources and available opportunities to strengthen the state's nursing and other health professional workforce, including rural physicians and nurses.

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At 4:14 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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Rep. Klick, Chair

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Teri Avery, Clerk