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Mr. Speaker:

The Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 174, LICENSING OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS**, by Representative R. Menlove, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Line 59 through Page 3, Line 61:*

- 59 (a) in public or private practice;  
60 (b) for compensation; and  
61 (c) involving the application of principles, methods, or procedures of the vocational

2. *Page 4, Lines 96 through 97:*

- 96 (1) Except as provided in Subsection ~~{(2)}~~ (4), an applicant for licensure as  
a vocational  
97 rehabilitation counselor under this chapter shall:

3. *Page 4, Lines 102 through 106:*

- 102 counseling or a related field ~~{and}~~ ;  
(e) provide satisfactory evidence of having 4,000 hours of work experience under  
the supervision of a  
103 licensed vocational rehabilitation counselor , except as otherwise provided in  
Subsection (2) ; and  
104 ~~{(e)}~~ (f) after January 1, 2011, meet the examination requirement  
established by rule by the  
105 division in collaboration with the board.  
106 (2) Beginning January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2011, an applicant is  
not required to verify that the 4,000 hours of work experience required under  
Subsection (1)(e) was done under the supervision of a vocational rehabilitation  
counselor licensed under this chapter.  
(3) An applicant may satisfy the requirement of Subsection (1)(d) if, prior to  
January 1, 2011, the applicant provides satisfactory evidence of:

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- (a) having earned a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution;
- (b) at least ten years experience in vocational rehabilitation counseling or a related field;
- (c) currently practicing vocational rehabilitation counseling in Utah; and
- (d) holding a national certification as a:
  - (i) Certified Rehabilitation Counselor;
  - (ii) Certified Vocational Evaluator; or
  - (iii) Certified Disability Management Specialist.
- (4) The division may issue a license under this chapter to an individual who is licensed

4. Page 4, Lines 116 through 117:

116           (3) Each license automatically expires on the expiration date shown on the license  
117    unless renewed by the licensee in accordance with Section 58-1-308. \_

(4) Each person holding a license under this chapter as a vocational rehabilitation counselor shall complete in each two-year period of licensure a program of qualifying continuing professional education in accordance with standards defined by rule.

Respectfully,

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Committee Chair

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