

MINUTES
SENATE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 26, 2016

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room WW53

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rice, Vice Chairman Bayer, Senators Patrick, Souza, Lee, Den Hartog, Harris, Ward-Engelking and Burgoyne

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None.

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Rice** called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

RS 24154C1 **Relating to Livestock. Senator Brackett** said this legislation closes a loophole in current code and rule that allows trichomoniasis test-eligible bulls to be removed from a trader lot and returned to the country for breeding purposes without the appropriate trichomoniasis testing. In addition, the bill consists of definitions of various animal health requirements for different marketing practices and places them in code and rule to consolidate them in one code section. The bill provides traceability and a paper trail as livestock moves through the marketing channels.

Senator Lee asked does this clarify and resolve some of the concerns the Committee had last year with a rule. **Senator Brackett** responded that he had worked closely with Dr. Barton, at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), as well as engaged all segments of the industry with the rule that was considered in 2015.

MOTION: **Senator Burgoyne** moved to print **RS 24154C1**. Seconded by **Senator Lee**. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 24156 **Relating to the Commission on Pesticide Management, Darrell Bolz** stated this legislation is to repeal Chapter 18, Title 22, Idaho Code relating to the Commission on Pesticide Management (Commission). The Commission was formed following the guidelines of Washington State Pesticide Commission on Registration with the purpose of acquiring registration on the minor crops (less than 300,000 acres) in Idaho. The intent of the Commission was to do some studies to help with the registration. Unfortunately, the Commission was dependent on inadequate private funding. In 2008, Roger Batt formed the Idaho Seed and Pesticide Council and they have gotten the registrations for some of the minor seed crops.

MOTION: **Senator Patrick** moved to print **RS 24156**. Seconded by **Vice Chairman Bayer**. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Rice passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Bayer.

**DOCKET NO.
46-0101-1501**

Rules of the State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine. Jodie Ellis, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine, explained the Board of Veterinary Medicine (BOVM) seeks to simplify the recording and processing of continued education (CE) credits. The BOVM requires by statute that each veterinarian and certified technician complete a certain amount of continued education hours every two years, but they are required to renew their licenses and certificates every year. The veterinarians and technicians submit their documentation for their licenses, and the BOVM enters the information into the database and keeps the paperwork on file for two years. During the relicensing period (May and June), the staff of 2.6 people spends approximately 175 hours of their time sorting out the CE documentation.

The rule change will reflect that the paper documentation of CE hours does not have to accompany the licensing paperwork. Instead, the license renewal form will have a signed affidavit for those education hours. The licensee would retain the supporting documents for these education hours; BOVM will conduct a random audit once a year. In the last 10 years, none of their licensee certificants have falsified a CE document. This change in the rule will allow BOVM to reallocate almost 175 hours of staff time for better use in providing services to the public and licensees during this short licensing period. Then the management of CE hours can be stretched out over a less demanding period without any loss of fidelity.

Senator Burgoyne asked are the veterinarians and the technicians going to be required to save paper or can they save the an electronic record? **Ms. Ellis** responded that they had not addressed the saving of CE records electronically, but their would be no issue with the licensees saving their documentation in that form.

Senator Patrick questioned the meeting vote at the rule negotiation. There were three for and three against this rule change. What were the reasons for the three that were against this rule change?. **Ms. Ellis** replied that two of the three opposed the change because it was more convenient for their licensing process to send their CE hours attached to their license renewal. The third person was afraid that this new procedure would invite fraud into the licensing system.

Senator Lee asked why the CE hour documents are not sent to the BOVM electronically. **Ms. Ellis** answered many of the rural veterinarians do not use electronic media.

Senator Den Hartog questioned what might be the field time and hours for the random audits of the CE hours? **Ms. Ellis** answered that the BOVM would only be doing paper audits; they expect to audit approximately 20 percent of the licensees per year. **Senator Den Hartog** asked if the BOVM would be able to reduce staff? **Ms. Ellis** said that they would not reduce the staff, but would shift staff time to other projects and to job duties that have been neglected.

Senator Souza asked where the time savings from the CE processing reduction would be assigned. **Ms. Ellis** said the first priority for staff would be to update their records system, publish a neglected newsletter and tune up legislation, along with numerous other projects have fallen by the wayside due to hours spent on CE record keeping.

MOTION:

Senator Ward-Engelking moved to approve **Docket No. 46-0101-1501**. Seconded by **Senator Patrick**. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE
GAVEL:**

Vice Chairman Bayer passed the gavel back to Chairman Rice.

MINUTES:

Approve minutes of January 19, 2016.

MOTION: **Senator Patrick** moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 2016. Seconded by **Senator Burgoyne**. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business, **Chairman Rice** adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Senator Rice
Chair

Carol Deis
Secretary