

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, January 08, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Organizational Meeting	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Boyle

Vice Chairman Troy

Rep Dayley

Rep Kerby

Rep Stevenson

Rep Zito

Rep Andrus

Rep Giddings

Rep Goesling

Rep Marshall

Rep Nichols

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 08, 2019  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Stevenson  
**GUESTS:** Dennis Stevenson, Administrative Rules Coordinator; Brad Hunt, Administrative Rules Specialist

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Chairmen Boyle** welcomed the committee members of the 2019 Legislative Session and asked each one to give a short introduction of themselves. Chairman Boyle recognized the Committee Page, **Kassidy Ross**, from St. Maries and welcomed her to the committee.

**Rep. Abernathy** and **Rep. Goesling** were assigned by **Chairman Boyle** to serve as the committee proof readers for this session.

**Ryan Bush**, LSO, gave a brief over view of the Administrative Rules Procedure to the committee members. He explained the three types of Rules; Pending, Fee and Temporary. Mr. Bush explained the result of the action taken by the committee to the various rules before them.

**Dennis Stevenson**, Administrative Rules Coordinator, in response to a committee question, clarified the process for Fee Rules.

**Chairman Boyle** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Troy**.

**Vice Chairman Troy** explained the rules will be reviewed by two subcommittees. The Plant Subcommittee will be chaired by **Rep. Zito** and the Animal Subcommittee will be chaired by **Rep. Raymond**.

**Vice Chairman Troy** returned the gavel to **Chairman Boyle**.

**Chairman Boyle** explained two of the rules would be reviewed by the full committee.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**ZITO SUBCOMMITTEE**  
Admin Rules for Plants  
**4:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>02-0214-1801</u></a>	Rules for Weights and Measures	Kevin Merritt, Dept. of Agriculture
<a href="#"><u>02-0501-1801</u></a>	Rules Governing Produce Safety	Pamm Juker, Dept. of Agriculture
<a href="#"><u>02-0601-1801</u></a>	Fee Rules Governing the Pure Seed Law	Dan Salmi, Dept. of Agriculture
<a href="#"><u>02-0602-1801</u></a>	Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Commercial Feed Law	Jared Stuart, Dept. of Agriculture
<a href="#"><u>02-0612-1801</u></a>	Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Fertilizer Law	Jared Stuart
<a href="#"><u>02-0641-1801</u></a>	Rules Pertaining to the Idaho Soil and Plant Amendment Act of 2001	Jared Stuart
<a href="#"><u>08-0501-1801</u></a>	Rules Governing Seed and Plant Certification	Tracy Bent, State Board of Education

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Rep.Giddings  
Rep.Marshall  
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**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Lloyd Knight ISDA; Kevin Merritt ISDA; Cindy Stark ISDA; Jared Stuart ISDA; Pamm Juker ISDA; Dan Salmi ISDA; Tracie Bent SBOE; Kyle Wilwat, ISDA; Jay Shaw, Admin Rules; Brent Olmstead CALS; Murphy Olmstead Darigold.

**Chairmen Zito** called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

**DOCKET NO. 08-0501-1801:** **Tracie Bent**, Chief Planning and Policy Officer, State Board of Education spoke to this rule. The rule has been referred to the Agricultural Affairs Committee from the Education Committee. The pending rule change is a document which is incorporated by reference along with a change in date. The University of Idaho is responsible for the seed processing statute, so this rule was recommended to the Education Committee to except or reject the rule. There is also a small change in terminology in the certification process, changing the term "generation" to "field year", all changes are consistent with the national standards.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 08-0501-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0214-1801:** **Kevin Merritt**, Department of Agricultural, spoke to **Docket No. 02-0214-1801**. He reviewed the changes to subsection .01 and .02 and stated there was no negotiated rule making and no comments received. In answer to a committee question, he said this is an annual update requirement of the legislature.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0501-1801:** **Pamm Juker**, Administrator Deputy Director, Dept. of Agriculture, spoke to this rule regarding produce safety. She said this is brand new rule which is a part of the new Food and Drug Administration Food and Safety Act. The rule establishes new science based minimum standards for packing, growing, and harvesting fruit and vegetables grown for human consumption.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0501-1801. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep Giddings** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0601-1801:** **Dan Salmi**, Department of Agriculture, reviewed this pending fee rule regarding Pure Seed Law. He said they conducted negotiated rule making. He stated the seed lab's mission is to conduct germination purity. Mr. Salmi explained there are no price increases, there is just a charge for new services.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0601-1801. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Giddings** requested to be recorded as **NAY**.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0602-1801:** **Jared Stuart**, Department of Agriculture, reviewed this rule and said this rule pertains to the Idaho Commercial Feed Law and incorporates by reference the standards manual for regulators.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0601-1801. Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Giddings** requested to be recorded as **NAY**.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0612-1801:** **Jared Stuart** spoke to this rule saying it pertains to the Idaho Commercial Fertilizer Law and incorporates by reference the standards manual used nationally by the industry for regulators.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Giddings** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0612-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0641-1801:** **Jared Stuart** spoke to this rule saying it pertains to the Idaho Soil and Plant Amendment Act of 2001, which incorporates by reference the manual with acceptable standard practices and policies.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0641-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17pm.

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Representative Zito  
Chair

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Josie Ford  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW42  
Monday, January 14, 2019

<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">60-0501-1801</a>	Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program	Terry Hoebelheinrich, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission

***If you have written testimony, please provide a copy of it along with the name of the person or organization responsible to the committee secretary to ensure accuracy of records.***

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**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** Brent Olmstead, CALS; Stacey Satterlee, IGPA; Jeanne Valk, IGPA; Corrine Salzell, ISWCC; Chelsea Wilson, PPA; Brad Hunt, OARC  
**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 8, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**DOCKET NO.  
60-0501-1801:** **Terry Hoebelheinrich**, Program Loan Manager, explained the proposed rule changes would resolve inconsistencies between statute and the current rule by clarifying the definition of eligible applicants among other definitions. He said the changes would streamline the application process by allowing districts to pre-rank recurring practices, establish an alternative ranking procedure and update rules to reflect current practices. Mr. Hoebelheinrich stated the changes would clarify the updated credit guidelines and the maximum loan limit amount.  
In response to a committee question, **Mr. Hoebelheinrich** explained all loans are secured and it is possible for the loan to transfer to a new owner if the new owner qualifies.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Troy** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 60-0501-1801.**  
In response to a committee question **Mr. Hoebelheinrich** explained the original source of the RCRDP (Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program) dedicated fund was from estate and transfer taxes. He said the RCRDF receives interest income from loan payments and the State Treasurer's office (IDLE) pool interest. He indicated the commission has safe guards in place to pull money availability back if needed.  
In response to a committee question. **Mr. Hoebelheinrich** stated in order to qualify for a loan, there must be a conservation plan in place.  
**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Chairman Boyle** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 60-0501-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**RAYMOND SUBCOMMITTEE**

Animals

**3:30 P.M.**

**Room EW42**

**Monday, January 14, 2019**

<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>02-0408-1801</u></a>	Rules Governing Grade A Milk and Milk Products	Dr. Barton, State Veterinarian, ISDA
<a href="#"><u>02-0409-1801</u></a>	Rules Governing Milk and Cream Procurement & Testing	Dr. Barton, State Veterinarian, ISDA
<a href="#"><u>02-0413-1801</u></a>	Rules Governing Raw Milk	Dr. Barton, State Veterinarian, ISDA
<a href="#"><u>02-0429-1801</u></a>	Rues Governing Trichomoniasis	Dr. Barton, State Veterinarian, ISDA

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**DATE:** Monday, January 14, 2019

**TIME:** 3:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Raymond, Representatives Stevenson, Andrus, Goesling, Nichols, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Jay Shaw, Administrative Rules; Scott Leibsle, Bill Barton and Dan Salmi with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture; Russ DeKruyf, Glandbia Nutritional; Marv Patten, Milk Producers of Idaho; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Association

**Chairman Raymond** called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0408-1801:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Animal Industries at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) presented this rule docket explaining changes in the updated versions of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, the Methods of Making Sanitation Ratings and the Interstate Milk Shipment regulations include the addition of language to harmonize these regulations with the new, mandated Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). The updated language in the Evaluation of Milk Laboratories regulations provides for additional testing equipment to be used to allow increased efficiency in testing.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0408-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0409-1801:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle** presented this rule docket. He indicated the purpose of the rule change was to clarify several sections of the rule that were confusing or were causing conflicting opinions as to the proper procedure of how to correctly enforce the rule. This rule established regular proficiency testing for each laboratory that test the component content of Idaho producer milk to determine payment. Each lab must meet the performance and accuracy standards in their proficiency testing in the rule. If a lab does not meet the accuracy standards, they could lose their certification and no longer be permitted to test milk to determine payment.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0409-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0413-1801:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle** presented this rule docket. He stated the rule is being updated to reflect the changes to sanitation and construction portion requirements of the 2017 Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) and will affect the eleven facilities that operate under a "Unlimited Raw Milk Permit."

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0413-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0429-1801:** **Dan Salmi**, ISDA Laboratory Bureau Chief presented this rule docket. He oversees the Animal Health Lab to which this rule pertains. He explained that the ISDA Animal Health Laboratory's mission is to conduct diagnostic and regulatory disease testing of animals. One of the regulatory tests performed is Trichomoniasis testing of cattle. The ISDA Animal Health Lab has updated the protocol for Trichomonas foetus testing. Since this procedure is incorporated by reference, it should be updated.

The revised procedure includes additional options for veterinarians to collect and transport samples to the laboratory, giving veterinarians a more cost effective way to submit samples. This had been requested by numerous veterinarians and the Trichomoniasis Advisory Board.

The revision also eliminates redundant and repetitive information. For example, quantitative real-time PCR is now simply PCR. We also require the lab to use testing materials that are approved by the US Department of Agriculture.

**Dan Salmi** responded to committee members questions regarding costs. He explained that his lab has to use an approved kit by the USDA to ensure consistent testing. The other change is if a cheaper tube or product used to collect the sample by the veterinarian comes to the market, that could be used. The two types of transport medias available now range from approximately \$8.00 to \$9.50 and there is current research for a cheaper option as low as \$1.00. A veterinarian must collect the sample and submit it to the lab.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0429-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

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Representative Raymond  
Chair

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Shellie Coates  
Secretary

AGENDA  
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
RAYMOND SUBCOMMITTEE

Animals

3:30 P.M.

Room EW42

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

<b>DOCKET NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>02-0801-1801</u></a>	Sheep and Goat Rules of the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board	Brandy Kay, Idaho Wool Growers Association
<a href="#"><u>11-0201-1801</u></a>	Rules of the Idaho State Brand Board	Cody Burlile, Brand Inspector

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**DATE:** Tuesday, January 15, 2019

**TIME:** 3:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Raymond, Representatives Stevenson, Andrus, Goesling, Nichols, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representatives Stevenson and Goesling

**GUESTS:** Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattle Association; Brandy Kay, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board; Cody Burlile, Idaho State Brand Board; TK. Kuwahara, Idaho Beef Council; Brad Hunt, O.A.R.C.

**Chairman Raymond** called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0801-1801:** **Brandy Kay**, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, presented changes to goat assessment rules. The rule clarifies when and how the goat assessment should be assessed and turned into the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board.

In response to committee members questions, **Brandy Kay** indicated double charging is not a conflict for the sale of goats since they are not followed or tracked and are being sold in our state.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0801-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 11-0201-1801:** **Cody Burlile**, Director, Idaho State Brand Board, and State Brand Inspector presented increases to brand inspection fees. He noted the fee increase is expected to generate an estimated \$473,000 annually to the Idaho Brand Board from the Idaho livestock industry. This is the first cattle brand inspection fee increase since Fiscal Year 2006. The Brand Board adopted a Temporary Rule increasing the fees to make up for a budget shortfall dating back to Fiscal Year 2016. The shortfall is largely due to increased personnel costs; health care and benefit costs; and increased equipment costs.

In response to committee member questions, **Cody Burlile**, indicated the Temporary Rule increasing the fees to make up for the shortfall has helped since it has been in place for a year, but other cost-saving measures have been in place also. Those measures included, but were not limited to leaving positions vacant and not purchasing vehicles. There was a \$290,000 profit this year. If the cost-saving measures were not implemented, the budget would have been near the break-even point.

**Wyatt Prescott**, Idaho Cattle Association registered lobbyist, was in full support of the brand fee rule **Docket No. 11-0201-1801**. He stated the Brand Department is an essential service for the State's cattle industry; safeguarding our assets; and being able to conduct business and commerce in the State of Idaho.

In response to committee member questions regarding if the fee increase will be sufficient, **Wyatt Prescott**, did not feel the fee increases will be enough to sustain for many years into the future.

**Cody Burlile** responded to **Chairman Raymond's** question regarding how the state-of-the-art Harvest Facility in Ada County has effected the budget. It has caused an increase in budget with the addition of one full-time staff position. Chairman Raymond indicated the Harvest Facility is a boon for the economy of the State due to the many employment opportunities it has provided.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 11-0201-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

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Representative Raymond  
Chair

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Shellie Coates  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Introduction, Pacific Northwest Economic Region	Larry Doke, PNWER President
	PNWER Update, Agriculture trade/tariffs, Columbia River Treaty, Invasive Mussels	Brandon Hardenbrook, Chief Operating Officer

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Dayley, Rep. Erpelding  
**GUESTS:** Brandon Hardenbrook, PNWER; Larry Doke, PNWRT; Robert Kerr, Consulate General of Canada; Austin Hopkins, Idaho Conservation League; Nic Furluh, Idaho Department of Agriculture

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Larry Doke**, President of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, explained Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) is a statutory, public-private partnership chartered in 1991, by the U.S., States of Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Skatchewan and the Yukon and Northwest Territories. He stated the region has a GDP of over \$1 trillion, with a population of 24.4 million people, making it the 13th largest economy in the world. He explained that over the past two years the agriculture working group has focused on trade with a primary examination of modernizing NAFTA and the Canada-U.S. Regulatory Cooperation Council Action Plan (RCC). The working group continues to provide input on cross-border agricultural trade issues to key decision makers in Ottawa and Washington D.C.

**Brandon Hardenbrook**, PNWER Deputy Director, stated \$2 billion (USD) in goods and services, along with over 380,000 people cross the United States-Canada border every day. He explained economic watershed flows north and south across the border, with Canada and the U.S. being each other's largest source of direct investment. He explained PNWER works with stakeholders to identify and reduce trade impediments.

**Mr. Hardenbrook** stated Canada and Mexico are the #1 and #3 export markets for U.S. agriculture products and indicated since NAFTA was signed in 1992, agriculture exports from the US have increased from \$8.7 billion in 1992, to \$39 billion in 2017. He explained because of the importance of this trading relationship, all three countries moved to modernize NAFTA and negotiated over the past year to finalize the agreement. He indicated all three countries signed the agreement on Nov. 30, 2018. Mr. Hardenbrook stated the agreement still needs congressional approval before it is finalized.

**Mr. Hardenbrook** explained the key agriculture provisions of the USMCA are to change Canadian dairy policy, give US poultry access to the Canadian market, and change Canadian grain policy. He stated it also calls for sanitary and phytosanitary provisions to be based on relevant scientific principles and eliminates rules that are not. Mr. Hardenbrook indicated the countries also agreed to non-discriminatory commitments to the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages.

**Mr. Hardenbrook** stated the importance of USMCA being ratified as soon as possible due to the amount of trade between the 3 countries. He called upon the administration to renew it's original waiver on steel and aluminum tariffs for Canada and Mexico.

**Mr. Hardenbrook** addressed the committee explaining a symposium was held in July 2018, where **Jill Smail**, U.S. Chief Negotiator for the Columbia River Treaty and **Sylvain Fabi**, Canadian Chief Negotiator for the Columbia River Treaty, spoke about the importance of the treaty to the region and the two nations. He stated there was opportunity for shareholders to share benefits and impacts of the treaty, focusing on areas including ecosystems, tribal groups, utilities, tourism, agriculture, recreation and more.

**Mr. Hardenbrook** stated PNWER's role is to facilitate dialogue and understanding between all the member jurisdictions, while showcasing the benefits of the treaty. He indicated they would continue to explore opportunities for states to provide input into the process as the negotiations continue to take place.

**Mr. Hardenbrook** addressed the committee concerning the Quagga/Zebra Mussels, stating they are a highly invasive mussel, devastating lakes and rivers across the U.S. He stated a single mussel produces 1 million larvae per year impacting water intakes, agriculture, recreation, fisheries and more. He stated they are typically transported via watercraft or ballast water. The Pacific Northwest remains the last region within the US without an infestation of the invasive mussels. He stated the federal funds offered to states for watercraft inspections and monitoring must be matched by states to access funds. He stated the need for early detection and having rapid response plans in place.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>RS26531</u></a>	Relating to the Food Safety Modernization Act	Elizabeth Criner, Food Northwest
	Statewide Budget and the Budgeting Process	Paul Headlee, Budget & Policy Division Manager
	Agency Budget Information	Rob Sepich, LSO Agriculture Budget Analyst

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Rep Stevenson	Rep Marshall	Rep Abernathy

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW42
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson (Lohman), Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Murphy Olmstead, Wittmeyer Association/Darigold; Marv Patten, Milk Producers of Idaho; Brad Carlson, Capital Press; Jane Wittmeyer, Ag; Elizabeth Criner, Food Northwest.
- Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 14th and January 16th, 2019 as written. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Chairman Boyle** reminded the committee that the deadline to introduce new RS's was February 8th, 2019. She also reminded the committee of the NWACC/FFA Cenarrusa Day Legislative Luncheon and directed them to bring RSVP's to the committee's substitute secretary.
- Brent Olmstead**, representing the University of Idaho, invited the committee to a brief presentation on the CAEF project to be located in the Magic Valley. He explained it was a dairy centric research facility and the goal is to address issues relating to waste management, resource utilization, livestock and plant health.
- RS 26531:** **Elizabeth Criner**, Food Northwest, explained **RS 26531** extends the deadline on existing legislation passed last year. She stated the extension was needed due to a delay on the part of the Food and Drug Administration in providing needed data for a smooth transition.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS# 26531**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Zito** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- Rob Sepich**, LSO Agriculture Budget Analyst, presented the Department of Agriculture budget to the committee. He explained the histories, summaries, and data included in the budget. He also explained that some of the numbers in different sections of the budget information would be different for the same items as certain sections reflected actual funds used, versus sections that show total funds allocated to a particular item, as well as reversions affecting various budget calculations.
- In response to committee questions, **Mr. Sepich** stated he would provide more information at a later date.
- Chairman Boyle** reminded the committee that, if needed, they could ask the Department of Agriculture to come in and explain certain budget items with more detail on the how's and why's.
- Paul Headlee**, Budget & Policy Division Manager, explained the legislative budget to the committee and the budget model Idaho uses.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Amie "Ivi" Taylor  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture	Dr. Garth Taylor, University of Idaho
	Agriculture Research Center	Dr. Michael Parrella, Dean of College of Agriculture
	TheForEverglades Quest: How the U of I Clean Water Machine Makes Sustainable Water and Tech Jobs for Idaho	Gregory Moller, PH. D., FNAI

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 24, 2019  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** Samantha Parrott, University of Idaho; Jen Root, University of Idaho; Douglas R Jones, IWE; Carly Schoephflin, U of I Colleg of Ag; Matthew Jensen; Barbara Petty, U of I CALS

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

**Brent Olmstead**, University of Idaho, introduced the speakers for the meeting, **Professor Garth Taylor, Dean Michael Parrella, and Professor Greg Moller.**

**Dr. Garth Taylor**, University of Idaho, discussed how many counties within the state are dependent on agriculture reminding the committee that Idaho has the fourth largest agriculture economy of the states in the nation. He said one out of every other job in the Magic Valley is created by agri business. He stated the cash receipts remain mainly unchanged from 2017 numbers. Beef, milk and livestock equal half of the states cash receipts. He explained since 1997 to now, Idaho Agriculture has grown 47% compared with the national growth of 22% in the same time frame. He said the bulk of that growth has come from dairy which has increased 151%. He stated Idaho farmers use very few dollars from government payments, therefore are not heavily affected by the drop in government money available. Idaho agriculture exports in their fourth year of growth are dairy and potatoes which were sent to Idaho's biggest export markets in Mexico and Canada. He also shared with the committee that the Idaho net farm income is down 27% from 2017; Idaho is down to the same level as the United States overall. Farm GDP is 60% higher than Idaho GDP. He explained the recessions in GDP historical data. Since 2007 there have been seven recessions in agriculture but he said he does not foresee one in the near future.

In response to committee questions, **Dr. Taylor** explained there is not a lot of selling farmland farmer to farmer but rather a surge of real estate investors buying up large portions of land then turning around and leasing it back to the farmer keeping the land in production. He also stated when it comes to hemp as a crop in Idaho, he is in support of anything that brings more diversity to Idaho in the growing arena.

**Dean Michael Parrella**, University of Idaho, reported within the next three years, 25% of the faculty at U of I will retire. He said recruiting the best young, early career faculty becomes a priority. They plan to partner with legislators and industry stakeholders in developing the most modern research centers possible to help attract new faculty. He explained the Center for Agriculture, Food, and the Environment (CAFE) program's growth, and the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station's upgrades starting with the Parma research and extension center. He explained the priorities of the immediate needs for the university at this time.

In response to committee questions, **Dean Parrella** explained the university has a partnership with WIMU to train Idaho's future veterinarians, stating there is always a need for more. He also explained the Parma research and extension center expects their work will serve more than just Parma.

**Professor Greg Moller**, University of Idaho, gave a presentation on the work of the University and their team "The Clean Water Machine" in the George Barley Clean Water Science Prize competition that was open to worldwide entries. The goal of the competition is to help solve the algae crisis facing the world's fresh water supplies affected by agricultural runoff. The team is now in the final four of the competition from an original one-hundred-and-seventeen teams that entered. He shared that they have university branded products in use as far away as South Korea and across the United States that are the results of their research.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Ivi Taylor  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Monday, January 28, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS26560</a>	Cooperative Marketing Associations	Rep. Raybould
<a href="#">H 38</a>	Food Safety Modernization Act, Date	Elizabeth Criner, Food Northwest
	Idaho Grape Growers	Brenna Christison, Communication and Finance Manager
	University of Idaho Ag. Econ. Public Policy Presentation	

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 28, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Moya Dolsby, Brenna Christison, and Ashlee Struble, Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers; Elizabeth Criner, Food Northwest; Chelsea Wilson, PPA; Patti Larroca-Phillips, Rick Waitley, Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers; Murphy Olmstead, Darigold; Marv Patten, MPI; Braden Jensen, ID Farm Bureau; Bradley Pipal, Beth Ropski, Inigo De Juan, Andres Trujillo-Barrera, Patrick Hatzenbueuler, Mitch Jamison, Sarah Mosman, Cole Lickley, Jason Montgomery, Mathew Lampman, Chris McIntosh, U of I CALS

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:32PM

**Rick Waitley**, Executive Director of Food Producers, introduced the U of I CALS students who were learning about the legislative process. The students all stood up and briefly introduced themselves to the committee, as did the faculty with them.

**RS 26560:** **Rep. Raybould** explained that the proposed bill was a simple fix to existing Idaho Code allowing the second option covered under Capper-Volstead for memberships in cooperative marketing associations.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 26560. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 38:** **Elizabeth Criner**, Food Northwest, explained **H 38** is a deadline date extension request for existing legislation in Idaho Code.

In response to committee questions, **Ms. Criner** also stated there would not be complications due to necessary federal involvement on the part of the FDA.

**Braden Jensen**, Idaho Farm Bureau, testified **in support of H 38.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to send **H 38** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Moya Dolsby**, Executive Director of Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Association, gave a presentation detailing the history of wine in Idaho, the current statistics on numbers of wineries to acres of grapes grown in Idaho, the economic impact of the wine industry in Idaho, and what the Association is doing to grow the wine industry in Idaho. Growth tasks included focus groups, a restaurant support campaign, and road show. She also informed the committee they were bringing a bill to the legislature to clarify the definition of "dessert wines" to match the federal standard. She reviewed how the association is funded.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:54PM.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Ivi Taylor  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, January 30, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Annual Report from the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission	Teri Murrison, Administrator, ISWA
	Annual Report from the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts	Benjamin Kelly, Executive Director of Idaho Soil and Water Districts

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**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** Teri Murrison, Crystal Rosen, ISWCC; Benjamin Kelly, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts; Marv Patten, MPI; Brent Olmstead, CALS.

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 22, and Monday, January 28, 2019 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Teri Murrison**, Administrator ISWA, stated just under 30% of all lands in Idaho are privately-owned. Conservation the Idaho Way voluntarily implements projects improving water quality, restores streams, rivers, forest, range and croplands all while contributing to healthy soils. She said they are a small but effective agency funded in part by General Funds. She spoke to the core function of servings Idaho's 50 conservation districts by focusing on providing financial and technical assistance and educating people on voluntary conservation. She said district satisfaction with the commission has been at 90% since 2016.

**Ms. Murrison** explained the Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program (RCRDP) provides loans to land owners to implement conservative practices. She said after the recession, loan volume and interest generation dropped off. In order to remain competitive, interest rates were cut. She stated during the first six months of FY 2019, loan volume and interest in the program has continued to rebound. She reported on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) stating their goal to maintain 160 contracts in the program and conserve 17,000 acres of irrigated cropland were surpassed. She explained the Conservation the Idaho Way Tracker, containing technical assistance projects from FY 2017-19. She said over the next year it is expected the Tracker will expand to cover a wide variety of partners in Idaho.

In response to a committee question **Ms. Murrison** said Districts are required by statute to have a five year plan and are encouraged to create their own projects looking to ISWA for technical and financial support.

**Benjamin Kelly**, IASCD Executive Director, said as an association they believe in strong, independently lead conservation districts fully exercising their role to lead non-regulatory conservation efforts for private landowners throughout the State of Idaho. He explained after the Dust Bowl of 1930 the federal government created the Soil Conservation Service as part of the US Department of Agriculture. The feds pushed for the states to enact laws and create local conservation districts to manage and improve conservation efforts at the local level. Today Idaho has 50 conservation districts and they are the primary entities to provide assistance to private landowners and land users in the conservation, sustainment, improvement and enhancement of Idaho's natural resources. The IASCD was organized after supervisors found that soil and water problems extended beyond the boundaries

of their districts, and they needed an organization that could speak on their behalf at the state and national level. Mr. Kelly explained areas of conservation projects including farm, ranch and forestland conservation projects as well as water and air quality projects.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Kelly** stated they represent the local level to the state commission who serves under the State Department of Soil and Water Conservation.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Amie "Ivi" Taylor  
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**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Monday, February 04, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Presentation of the Benefits of Hemp Farming in Idaho	Mike Standlee, Idaho Farmers for Health

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 04, 2019  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** Roger Seiber; Chelsea Wilson, PPA; Mike Standlee, Idaho Farmers for Health; Dusty Standlee, Idaho Farmers for Health; Thom Brodeur-Kazanjian, Idaho Farmers for Health; Kevin Gillian, Idaho Farmers for Health; Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery and Landscape; Linda Strain, District 9; Esteban Galan, District 9; Marv Patten, Milk Producers of Idaho; Brad Carlson, Capitol Press; Sean Ellis, Idaho Farm Bureau

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Mike Standlee**, Idaho Farmers for Health, stated his desire is to keep Idaho kids in Idaho by embracing more agriculture opportunities through new industry.

**Thom Brodeur-Kazanjian**, Idaho Farmers for Health, explained hemp means the plant Cannabis Sativa L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis. He stated with this low concentration, it is practically impossible to abuse hemp for recreational purposes.

**Mr. Brodeur-Kazanjian** explained the myths surrounding hemp and marijuana, noting hemp is not a drug, does not make people high, does not cause death, nor is it widely illegal or unsafe for use. He indicated hemp has been called 'anti-marijuana' because it contains a high percentage of the cannabinoid CBD which blocks the THC characteristics found in marijuana that cause people to get high. Mr. Brodeur-Kazanjian stated hemp is the most nutrient-rich seed in the world and has been used in food products for thousands of years. Hemp cultivation is allowed in 35 states; Idaho is one of only three states that has a blanket ban on hemp. He explained with the passage of the Hemp Farming Act of 2018, all hemp regulation now moves to state governments and away from the DEA. It is now up to the states and the US Department of Agriculture to develop hemp growing protocols.

**Mr. Brodeur-Kazanjian** explained the reasons why Idaho is a good fit to grow and harvest a hemp crop. He stated hemp compares to the requirements of corn crops in soil conditions, harvesting equipment and use of water with a complementary harvest cycle of 100-150 days for seeds and 60-90 days for fiber. He stated there is a diverse and large market with over 50,000 uses for hemp.

**Mr. Brodeur-Kazanjian** requested the legislature work to amend Idaho Code, engage Idaho State resources through the State Department of Agriculture to regulate hemp growers by determining hemp growing limits, regulation, taxation and commercial sale or use.

In response to several committee questions, **Mr. Brodeur-Kazanjian** reported he would get the requested information to the committee members as quickly as possible.

**Jonathan Parker**, representing Idaho Farmers for Health, stated hemp was incorrectly classified as a type one drug in 1927. The 2018 Farm Bill made it legal for hemp to be grown in the United States. He requested the legislature work to change the Idaho law and then leave it up to the farmers to work out the details. He explained how the crop would help the economy and expand tax revenues.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, February 06, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 60</a>	Report of the Raymond Subcommittee	Rep. Raymond
	Cooperative Marketing Association	Rep. Raybould
	Idaho Sheep Industry Update	Brandy Kay, Executive Director

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 06, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Erpelding

**GUESTS:** Cody Burlile, Brand Board; Brandy Kay, Sheep and Goat Board

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**H 60:** **Rep. Raybould** stated this legislation aligns Idaho's cooperative marketing association statute with existing Capper-Volstead provisions by adding a "one man, one vote" membership option. This change ensures Idaho's statute is not more restrictive than federal law.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **H 60** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Boyle** asked **Rep. Raymond** to report the subcommittee recommendations to the full committee.

**Rep. Raymond** thanked the members of the subcommittee and the subcommittee secretary, **Shellie Coates** for their hard work.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the **Raymond Subcommittee** meeting of January 14, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve the minutes of the **Raymond Subcommittee** meeting of January 15, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Raymond** gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 02-0408-1801** to the full committee.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0408-1801.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Raymond** gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 02-0409-1801** to the full committee.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0409-1801.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Raymond** gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 02-0413-1801** to the full committee.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0413-1801.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Raymond** gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 02-0429-1801** to the full committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Goesling made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0429-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Raymond gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 02-0801-1801** to the full committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Nichols made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0801-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Rep. Raymond gave a brief explanation of **Docket No. 11-0201-1801** to the full committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Toone made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0201-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Brandy Kay**, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, reported there are more than 230,000 breeding sheep and market lambs in Idaho. She explained lamb is a very flavorful and nutrient rich lean meat. Ms. Kay said they do not use hormones in their sheep and noted the mono saturated fat found in lamb is the same as that found in olive oil. She stated 1,600,000 pounds of wool was produced this year in Idaho making it 7th in the nation for both wool production and sheep ownership. She explained the health benefits of sheering sheep, allowing them to better regulate their body temperatures. She reported on the various ways wool is used today in athletic clothing as it repels moisture away from the skin because wool fiber is hollow.

In response to a committee question **Ms. Kay** stated the young sheep ranchers are very hopeful for the future of the industry. She noted the larger flocks may be shrinking but smaller herds are increasing. Ms. Kay indicated prices were lower this year compared to last year but the price of wool was up this year balancing that out.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Kay** reported since wolves were reintroduced the labor cost have increased per band of sheep as well as the number of dogs needed per band.

**Ms. Kay**, in response to a committee question, said the Idaho Ram Sale includes rams from other states averaging about \$500.00 per ram with pure bred rams going for much higher.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Kay** stated the importance of the sheep experiment station and the role it plays in research concerning sage grouse and big horn sheep.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**UPON ADJOURNMENT**  
**Room EW42**  
**Friday, February 08, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS26563</a>	Department of Agriculture, Honoring 100 years	Rep. Troy
<a href="#">RS26785</a>	Potatoes, Negotiations Period	Jeremy Chou
<a href="#">RS26528C1</a>	Hemp Research and Development	Rep. Troy Rep. Moon

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 08, 2019  
**TIME:** UPON ADJOURNMENT  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Andrus, Raymond, Erpelding

**GUESTS:** Jeremy Chou, Givens Pursley; Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau; Jonathan Parker, PPA

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.

**RS 26563:** **Rep. Troy**, said the Current Resolution recognizes the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the outstanding service that employees past and present have provided to the agriculture industries across Idaho.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 26563** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 26785:** **Jeremy Chou**, Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative, stated this legislation creates a time period for a potato processing producer association and potato processor to negotiate, in good faith, an agreement for the purchase and sale of raw potatoes for processing. He explained, if a processor and potato processing producer association fails to reach an agreement within the specified time period, then members of a potato processing producer may negotiate individually with potato processors.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Stevenson** made a motion to introduce **RS 26785.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26528C1:** **Rep. Troy**, stated the game changer in bringing this bill forward was the 2018 Farm Bill signed into law by **President Trump** making it legal to raise and process hemp in the United States. She stated the bill is fairly simple, requesting the Department of Agriculture to submit a plan to the USDA allowing for hemp to be grown in Idaho.

**Rep. Moon**, explained the needed changes to Idaho Code, Title 37 in defining and exempting hemp.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Stevenson** made a motion to introduce **RS 26528C1.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">S 1024</a>	Crop Residue Burning, Fee	Tiffany Floyd, DEQ Division Administrator
<a href="#">Docket No. 29-0103-1802</a>	Rule Governing Nominations for Appointment as a Commissioner to the Idaho Potato Commission (No vote will be taken)  Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission	Patrick Kole, Idaho Potato Commission  Gretchen Hyde, Executive Director

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Brent Olmstead, CALS; Carl Brown, DEQ; Tiffany Floyd, DEQ; John Eaton, IACI; Patrick Kole, IPC; Mary Anderson, DEQ; Gretchen Hyde, IRRC; Frank Muir, IPC; Randy Hardy, IPC; Gracie Bingham, IPC; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator; Brand Hunt, OARC; Marv Patten, MPI

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve the minutes of Wednesday, February 6, and Friday, February 8, 2019, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1024:** **Tiffany Floyd**, Division Administrator, explained since 2008 Idaho Code requires anyone planning to burn crop residue to pay a fee in an amount of two dollars per acre to the department prior to burning. This required growers to estimate acreage they expected to burn without knowing field, soil, air quality or weather conditions that may prevent them from burning. She stated in order to simplify the fee payment process, and with the recommendation of the Crop Residue Burning Advisory Committee, DEQ is proposing to change the timing of when fees are paid to an annual invoice structure for actual acres burned rather than a fee due when acres are registered. She said the change will ensure farmers do not risk paying for acres they do not burn as well as streamlining the agency's administration process.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Floyd** said about 40,000 acres are burned each year.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to send **S 1024** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Floyd** clarified the exemption of propane flaming as defined in the code.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Floyd** explained how the fee is turned over to the General Fund and then utilized to manage the Crop Residue Program.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Chairman Boyle** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1024** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Stevenson** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**DOCKET NO.  
29-0103-1802:** **Patrick Kole**, Idaho Potato Commission, detailed the circumstances leading to the proposed rule changes before the committee.

In response to a committee question, **Dennis Stevenson**, Rules Coordinator, stated the rule before the committee doesn't have statute to back it and that is the problem.

The committee took no action at this time.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW42  
Thursday, February 14, 2019

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Performance Measurements	Rakesh Mohan, Director of the Office of Performance Evaluations
	United Dairymen of Idaho	Karianne Fallow, CEO

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**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 14, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Erpelding

**GUESTS:** Marv Patten, MPI

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 12, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Boyle** recognized **Kassidy Ross**, and thanked her for her service to the committee as a House Page.

**Rakesh Mohan**, Director of Office of Performance Evaluations, stated good government is not possible without an effective accountability system. He said citizens need performance reporting to hold their government accountable. He explained how performance information is used by lawmakers in making policy and budget decisions, by program officials to monitor government programs in a systematic way and evaluators to assess efficiency and effectiveness of government policies and programs. He stated it is important to keep the performance measurement process simple, understandable, accessible, and affordable, using performance measurement to trigger questions, not necessarily to find all the answers. Mr. Mohan explained performance measurement sets multi-year goals and targets. He said the external reporting uses select measures that reflect program efforts and accomplishments relating to legislative intent. Internal reporting uses measures that help program managers systematically monitor the program's progress. He indicated they will provide training on reporting and using performance information.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Mohan** stated the Department of Agriculture would be the department to answer questions concerning their report to the committee.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Mohan** said the law authorizing performance evaluations was established in 2005.

**Karianne Fallow**, Dairy West CEO, said this year has been a difficult one for the dairy farmers across the country, yet in 2018, record global exports were the main story. She said the dairy industry is seeing more companies seeking to innovate and there is greater commitment to dairy by national restaurant partnerships. She said the dairy farmers are gaining tremendous respect from consumers through social media and storytelling here in our region and around the country.

**Ms. Fallow** said their mission is to inspire trust in the dairy farmer and dairy products and build demand for dairy products around the world. One area of success has been the community and university tours of dairy farms. She explained these have been a tool to change perception and dispel misinformation surrounding dairy products. She said health and wellness continue to be a focus including sports nutrition, youth wellness, farm to school programs and education of health care professionals.

**Ms. Fallow** explained exports can close the gap as 95% of dairy consumers live outside the United States. She said even though milk consumption is down, cheese, yogurt, sour cream and other dairy products are on the rise.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW42  
Monday, February 18, 2019

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 122</a>	Hemp Research and Development Act	Rep. Troy / Rep Moon

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**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 18, 2019  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Hari Heath, Inland Hemp Solutions; Phil Hainschild, Idaho Freedom Foundation; Bob Neugebauer, Gem State Patriot; Russ Smers, Liberty Council; Dennis Shaver, Sylvan Creek Assoc; Chelsea Wilson, Parker Public Affairs; Jonathan Parker, PPA; Greg Willison; John W. Wright; Brad Carlson, Capitol Press; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers of Idaho; Chyla Wilson, IBBF; Matthew Mead, Hempitecture inc; Tommy Gibbons, Hempitecture Inc; Marc Patten, MPI; Douglas R Jones; Paula Davina; Doug Davina; Jared Larsen, Gov's Office; Eric Nelson; Kendall Nike

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Chairman Boyle** introduced the new Committee Page, **Nathan Henrie** and welcomed him to the committee.

**H 122:** **Rep. Troy** stated the 2018 Federal Farm Bill was passed with the support of the entire Idaho Delegation. The passage of the bill broadened the approach the US has taken in the past concerning hemp. She said hemp is part of the Cannabis Plant family but the key difference is it contains less than .3% THC. The passage of the 2018 Farm Bill allows for hemp to be grown and transferred across state lines as long as it does not contain more than .3% THC. She stated anything higher than .3% THC would be considered illegal. She explained if the bill is passed there will be specific regulations associated with it.

**Rep. Moon** explained this bill will align Idaho with federal law and remove hemp from a scheduled one drug to a schedule five. She said all but three of the states have changed their laws concerning hemp to align with the federal law. She explained the new technology available to test the potency of THC in cannabis products that has proven to be accurate and cost effective.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Moon** said the analytic testing can produce results within 24 hours.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Troy** said fields would be tested before harvest and if the THC is over the .3% limit, the field would have to be destroyed at the owners expense. She explained the farm bill does make it possible now for growers to be able to borrow against a crop and for them to obtain crop insurance.

**Hari Heath**, Inland Hemp Solutions, stated he is forming a business with a partner looking to become a broker and consultant to help farmers connect with producers in association with Western Hemp Growers. He said there are over 52,000 products made with hemp. He explained the financial potential to farmers if given the opportunity to grow hemp. He explained how hemp varieties are grown differently with one maximizing CBD oil and the other grown tall as a row crop.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Heath** said there is a lot of interest in his county but they are moving slowly to do things the right way once everything is in place.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Heath** said in 2017, there were only about 25,000 acres grown, in 2018, it had increased to 78,000 acres and he said it is expected to explode this coming year even more with the passing of the 2018 Farm Bill.

**Rep. Marshall** said he understands the difference between marijuana and hemp. He stated he feels the latest market ploy is to add hemp to all kinds of products even though there has not been sufficient research into the value or the medicinal benefits. He said he also shares a concern with law enforcement concerning the accuracy of .3% levels.

**Dennis Shaver**, Sylvan Creek Association, said for the last couple of years he has been consulting and managing hemp farms in Colorado. He said Idaho has a 3-5 year window of opportunity before the market begins to stabilize. He explained raising hemp is very labor intensive and urges anyone contemplating growing hemp to start small with 5-10 acre plots. He said to be cautious about where you buy seed. He said the Colorado Department of Agriculture is over the testing for THC and confirmed anything above the .3% has to be destroyed by the farmer at his own expense. He said the agricultural department has four full time employees and does utilize some of their field people for the field testing.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Shaver** said there is currently 15,000 acres being grown in Colorado.

In response to a committee question concerning the market chain, **Mr. Shaver** said it is still in the early stages. He said some farmers in Oregon are sending their crop to Colorado for extraction.

**Greg Willison**, spoke **in support**, stated he and his son rented ground in Oregon and began growing hemp in a green house. On June 12th they transplanted the plants into the ground and were able to begin harvesting on September 15th. He explained the process of drying it and taking it to the extractors. He said it was a very profitable crop for them. He acknowledged the probability of the prices dropping over time but felt like hemp crops were still a good investment as Idaho's environment is so favorable to it's growth.

**Matthew Mead**, Hempiotexture, said Idaho is only one of three states not in accord with the 2018 Farm Bill, inhibiting agriculture opportunities as well as small businesses like his. He said his company uses industrial hemp in high performing building systems focusing on an insulation component called hempcrete made from the wooden core of the hemp plant. It cures by absorbing carbon dioxide. He said it is fire proof, resistant to mold, is non toxic and long lasting. He said he has in the past had to ship in hemp product from outside of the United States but with the passing of the Farm Bill he can now purchase products here.

Those speaking **in support** were **Phil Haunschild**, Idaho Freedom Foundation; **Bob Neugebauer**, Gem State Patriot; **Russ Smerz**, Sylvan Creek Assoc; **Jonathan Parker**, PPA; **Benjamin Kelly**, Idaho Food Producers; **Chyla Wilson**, IFBF; **Paula Devine**, self; as an alternative crop giving farmers more opportunities to expand their industry as well as expanding small business opportunities in Idaho and to align Idaho Law with the new 2018 Farm Bill.

**Eric Nelson**, spoke **in support** explaining how CBD oil has helped a young man who suffers from seizures. He said with the use of CBD oil, he is able to lead a more normal life.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Nelson** said concerning the availability of good seeds, the tight regulation around hemp for so many years, forced growers to source seed out of Canada. He said as product is grown in the United States the quality will improve.

**Kendall Nike**, spoke **in opposition**. She stated she has experience working in the community, schools and in principalities with families and young people and has a passion to keep Idaho Statutes as they are now written. She said she has witnessed the changing of laws across the country with the steps to legalize marijuana starting first with decriminalization, then legalization of CBD oil, next as used for medicinal purposes to finally legalization for recreational use. She said there are too many unintended consequences caused by the changes in statute laws.

**Rep. Troy** pointed out some of the examples of what has been created using hemp successfully. She said she sees an opportunity to produce quality seed for farmers looking to expand their alternative crops. She said we can look to other states who are leading the way in the production of hemp such as Kentucky. She reminded the committee, Idaho remains a state that is a staunch supporter of not legalizing marijuana. She said we still say no to drugs but yes to the production of hemp.

**Rep. Moon** said for the committee to do their own research and due diligence. Hemp needs to be removed as a schedule one drug. She said this is a product people can use as a supplement and should be treated as such.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Troy** said there is provisions in the bill addressing the abilities of institutions of higher education in Idaho to grow, cultivate, harvest, sample and test hemp products.

The committee took no action at this time.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Idaho Forest Products	Ms. Betty J Munis, Director
	Idaho Dairywomen's Association	Rick Naerebout, CEO

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Giddings, Rep. Dayley, Rep. Raymond  
**GUESTS:** Betty Munis, Forest Products Comm.

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, February 14, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Betty Munis**, Director of Idaho Forest Products, stated their mission is to provide programs to increase public understanding, acceptance and support of responsible forestry and recognition of the economic, environmental and social benefits of Idaho's forest products industry. She explained the benefits of a working forest to Idaho in gross state product, tax revenue, timber sales, and jobs. She reviewed the 2018 income and the program expenses with the committee. She explained the ways they are using mass media including television, radio, public service announcements, billboards and websites and social media. She reported on the highlights of their educational programs this past year including the stems outreach program reaching over 2,400 students. She spoke concerning health issues in Idaho forests stating Idaho has the highest percentage of forest at risk. She said wood is making a renaissance in building materials because of it's low carbon footprint, energy efficiency, and local availability.

**Rick Naerebout**, Chief Executive Officer, reported 40% of the state's dairy producers are milking 500 cows or less, indicating Idaho still has a good portion of smaller dairies in production. He said most of the smaller dairies are a family production and often go out of production when the current generation retires. The largest growth is in the larger operations of dairy producers. He stated even though there is a shrinking of the industry in number of dairies, the numbers remain stable and Idaho has not been affected as deeply as other dairy producing states. With steady growth in the industry, he explained the need for more processing plants.

**Mr. Naerebout** said the biggest concern in the industry today is the shrinking labor force. Without immigration labor from years past, there would not be the successful dairy industry we have today. He explained the areas of importance in immigration reform to stabilize the workforce now in place and for the future of the industry.

**Mr. Naerebout** addressed issues dealing with the environment. He said they are part of newly formed water quality coalition beginning in South Central Idaho. He said they are working collectively with other agriculture coalitions to find proactive solutions.

**Mr. Naerebout** explained the partnership formed between themselves, U of I and the **Whiteside's** family to develop the future site of the CAFE (Center for Agriculture, Food and the Environment) project. He said the projected date of completion is in 2024.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Naerebout** said it is expected going forward, the majority of the migrant work force will come from places other than Mexico.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**UPON ADJOURNMENT**  
**Room EW42**  
**Friday, February 22, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 176</a>	Potato Commission, Rule Making	Rep. Raybould Rep. Blanksma

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 22, 2019  
**TIME:** UPON ADJOURNMENT  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Stevenson, Rep. Abernathy  
**GUESTS:** Randy Hardy, IPC Grower; Dennis Shaver, Sylvan Creek Assoc  
**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 12:55 p.m.  
**H 176:** **Rep. Raybould** said this legislation updates the definition of "grower," "shipper," and "processor" in state law for the Idaho Potato Commission, restricts rule promulgation related to this statute change for one year, and then goes into effect immediately after passage and approval.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 176** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.  
In response to committee question, **Rep. Raybould** said there is consensus among all parties involved.  
**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 176** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raybould** and **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, February 18, 2019, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #3**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 p.m. or UPON ADJOURNMENT**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 121</a>	Idaho Leadership Agriculture Potato Processor Negotiation	Rick Waitley, LIA Jeremy Chou / Ken McClure

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019
- TIME:** 1:30 p.m. or Upon Adjournment
- PLACE:** Room EW42
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Dan Hargraves, SIPCO; Marc Foster, SIPCO; Brad Carlson, Capitol Press; Jeff Harper, Potato Grower; Mike Telford, United Seed Growers; Keith Esplin, Potato Growers of Idaho; Rick Waitley, Leadership Idaho Agriculture; Duane Grant, Grant 4-D Farms; Wayne Thiessen, Thiessen Consulting; Doug Gross, Gross Farms
- Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 20, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Rick Waitley**, LIA, introduced Class 39 of Idaho Leadership Agriculture. He explained these quality men and women come from diverse backgrounds and regions all sharing a common commitment to agriculture and rural Idaho. He said this network of graduates provides leadership to a wide range of organizations and industries.
- H 121:** **Ken McClure**, stated this legislation deals with negotiations between the potato processors and the potato growers, creating a time period for a potato processing producer association and potato processor to negotiate, in good faith, an agreement for the purchase and sale of raw potatoes for processing. He said if a potato processor and potato processing producer association fail to reach agreement within the specified time period, then members of a potato processing producer association may negotiate individually with potato processors. He said the legislation also establishes definitions for the potato processing producer association and potato processor.
- Those speaking **in support** were **Dan Hargraves**, SIPCP; **Mark Foster**, SIPCP; **Mike Telford**, United Seed Growers; **Keith Esplin**, Potato Growers of Idaho; **Wayne Thiessen**, Thiessen Consulting; **Doug Gross**, Gross Farms; stating the legislation will restore parity in pricing and keep processors competitive with one another while protecting the interest of the raw potato suppliers of the frozen fry industry.
- Duane Grant**, Grant 4-D Farms, spoke **in opposition** stating, if the State chooses to use the power of the State to govern what is otherwise a private-party negotiation, it must do so in a way that will bring value to both the farmer/producer and the processor/customer. He outlined several problems he saw in the bill and suggested Idaho follow Washington's lead and place the Idaho Department of Agriculture at the table to ensure the arm's length administration of the law.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Zito** made a motion to send **H 121** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. McClure** clarified if a grower does not belong to a Coop, then this legislation does not affect them. He said the processors were in support of the dates designated in the legislation.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

**Chairman Boyle** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 121** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
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**AMENDED AGENDA #2  
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
1:30 PM OR UPON ADJOURNMENT  
Room EW42  
Thursday, February 28, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Zito Sub-Committee Report	Rep. Zito
	FFA State Officers	Saydee Longhurst, President, Shelley; Harrison Jansen van Beek, Vice President Middleton; Allyson King, Secretary Filer: Melanie Searle, Treasurer Burley

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 28, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 PM OR UPON ADJOURNMENT

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy (Maurin), Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy (Nye)

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Kerby, Andrus, Giddings

**GUESTS:** Saydee Longhurst, FFA; Allyson King, FFA; Melanie Searle, FFA; Harrison Jansen van Beek, FFA; Jared Stuart, ISDA

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24 and 30, and February 22, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Saydee Longhurst**, President, explained one of the ways FFA sets itself apart is through the 3 circle agriculture education model. She said the first circle is class room learning, the second part is FFA and the third is the supervised agriculture experience or SAE. She explained her SAE is a small hay cutting business with her dad as her supervisor providing lots of learning experiences. She said she is excited for the future and owes that to FFA.

**Melanie Searle**, Treasurer, stated in 1927, Idaho became the 17th state to receive a charter from the Future Farmers of America, now known as the National FFA Organization. She said they are celebrating 50 years of women in the FFA this year. She stated the FFA officer competitions and conferences help prepare students with tools to succeed as they enter the work force.

**Allyson King**, Secretary, explained as part of their year as state officers they create and facilitate workshops all across the state. She said the work shops are geared to promote agriculture, FFA and life skills. She stated at a recent workshop about 300 students put together 35,000 meals for Meals of Hope noting part of their motto is living to serve.

**Harrison Jansen van Beek**, Vice President, reported every year the state officers have the opportunity to travel with the FFA. This year the officers went to Washington DC, Minneapolis and South Africa where they explored agriculture and a new culture different from their own. He said the Washington DC Leadership Conference is a gathering of FFA members from all across the nation learning how to give back to their communities and make a difference for the next generation. He explained the FFA State Leadership Conference is to be held at the CSI campus where members will attend workshops and hear from industry leaders.

**Chairman Boyle** asked **Rep. Zito** to report the Zito Subcommittee's recommendations to the full committee.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Zito Subcommittee meeting of January 10, 2019. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Zito** made a brief explanation of the rules reviewed from the Department of Agriculture, Idaho State Brand Board, and the Board of Education.

**MOTION:**        **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to accept the report of the Zito Subcommittee.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:**      There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
 1:30 pm or UPON ADJOURNMENT OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION  
 Room EW42  
 Monday, March 04, 2019

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">S 1082</a>	Relating to the State Brand Board	Sen. Lodge
	Idaho Hops Report	Michelle Gooding, Grower
	Invasive Species Report	Nick Zurfluh, Section Manager

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 04, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 pm or UPON ADJOURNMENT OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy (Maurin), Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Cody Burlile, Brand Board; Cheryl Keshia, Idaho Horse Council; Ed McNelis, Idaho Horse Council; Dixie Christensen, Idaho Horse Council; Jo Fisk Hilley, Idaho Horse Council; Sheri Arkoosh, Miss Rodeo Idaho; Dennis Mager, Personal Ponies Idaho; Leslie Mager, Personal Ponies Idaho; Ken Wood, Brand Board; DeLon Lee, Idaho Farm Bureau; Jeff Bittan, Mystic Land and Live; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association; Wyatt Prescott, ICA; Sen. Lodge, Elizabeth Criner, Simplot; Nic Zurfluh, ISDA; Sean Ellis, Idaho Farm Bureau; Lloyd Knight, ISDA; Celcia Gould, ISDA

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 2:58 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 26, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1082:** **Sen. Lodge**, said she will defer to those who are directly affected by this legislation and allow them to explain why they are willing to tax themselves at a higher rate in order to keep the Idaho livestock industry healthy and traceable.

**Cody Burlile**, Director of State Brand Inspections, explained this legislation is to raise the cap so that through Rule Making the board can increase the equine brand fee making it solvent.

**Cheryl Keshia**, Idaho Horse Council; and **Ed McNelis**, Idaho Horse Council; spoke **in support** of **S 1082**. They were of the opinion that equine inspections and branding helps to deter theft, certifies the health of the horses and makes it easy to track stolen or lost equine. They said they are willing to pay a higher fee for this vital service to their industry.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **S 1082** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Dixie Christensen**, Idaho Horse Council, spoke **in support** of **S 1082** explaining the benefits received from the grants given to the 4-H horse camps and working ranch camps.

**DeLon Lee**, Idaho Farm Bureau, spoke **in opposition** to **S 1082** stating although they stand in full support of the Brand Board, they feel this legislation is premature noting that with the improved software program recently implemented, the data would be more accurate in the coming year. He said they would be able to track activity and make a more accurate prediction of the necessary fee increase.

**Bob Naerebout**, Dairymen's Association, and **Wyatt Prescott**, ICA, spoke **in support** of **S 1082** stating it is important to adequately fund the board noting those who pay the assessment are in support of raising the fee.

**Sheri Arkooshi**, President of Miss Rodeo Idaho, spoke **in support** explaining the educational opportunities provided through the grants received from the Brand Board for the contestants.

**Sen. Lodge** in closing, detailed the areas the Brand Board has seen increased costs noting how frugal they have been in their purchases. She said this bill has received wide support from all entities involved.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

**Chairman Boyle** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1082** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** and **Rep. Nichols** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
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**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment of the Afternoon Session**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, March 06, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">S 1125</a>	Warehouses Electronic Receipts	Sen. Burtenshaw
	Rangeland Resources Commission	Gretchen Hyde, Executive Director

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019
- TIME:** 1:30 p.m. or Upon Adjournment of the Afternoon Session
- PLACE:** Room EW42
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy (Maurin), Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Stevenson, Giddings
- GUESTS:** Kyle Wilmat, ISDA; Roger Batt, IEOSA; Gretchen Hyde, IRRRC; Rich Garber, IGPA  
**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- S 1125:** **Sen. Burtenshaw** explained this legislation is to bring commodity warehouse operator requirements for warehouse receipts up to date. Hand-written department provided forms, and electronic receipts will have equal legally binding requirements. He said the electronic receipts must be USDA approved, accessible to Idaho State Department of Agriculture and all cost of implementation and cost related to electronic warehouse receipts are the responsibility of warehouse owners and/or associated dealers.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to send **S 1125** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep Dayley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- In response to a committee question, **Kyle Wilmat**, ISDA, said security standards and certain protocols must be in place similar to a bank with sign-in and passwords features.
- Gretchen Hyde**, Director of the Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission, (IRRC) briefly explained the accounting audit of 2018. She stated the activities of the commission are funded by mandatory assessments, fees based on animal unit months on all domestic cattle and sheep utilizing state grazing lands, United States Forest Service lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in the State of Idaho. She explained the commission also relies on grants, donation and gifts from the general public.
- Ms. Hyde** said education is their mandate. She explained how IRRRC assists the K-12 teachers by creating opportunities for students to learn about where they live, where their food comes from and how important caring for the land is to ranchers in the great State of Idaho. She said their goals are to increase public understanding that Idaho rangelands are a renewable resource, provide factual information about grazing management practices and to promote public support for Idaho's livestock industry.
- Ms. Hyde** explained the 5-part series launching this April, about the impact of wolves statewide since their reintroduction in 1995. She said the series is timely due to the large number of direct predations on livestock which indicates the wolf populations are reaching an all time high in the state.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment  
Room EW42  
Tuesday, March 12, 2019

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Amalgamated Sugar	John McCreedy, CEO Amalgamated Sugar
	Idaho Sugar Beet Growers	Randall Grant, President Idaho Sugar Beet Growers
	Idaho Seed Industry	Roger Batt, Idaho Eastern-Oregon Seed Association

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Tuesday, March 12, 2019
- TIME:** 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
- PLACE:** Room EW42
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Zito, Giddings
- GUESTS:** Logan Nedrow, IEOSA; Roger Batt, IEOSA; Jessica McAnally, Amalgamated Sugar; Melinda Merrill, Amalgamated Sugar; Brad Smith, IEOSA; Stuart Smith, IEOSA; Gina Lohnes, IEOSA; Aaron Phillips, IEOSA; Brett Lolley, IEOSA; Craig Nuthak, IEOSA; Brad Griff, ISGA; Randall Grant, ISGA; Lynn Tominaga, IEWA; John McCreedy, Amalgamated Sugar
- Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes from the Monday, March 4, and Wednesday, March 6, 2019 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Melinda Merrill**, Amalgamated Sugar, introduced **John McCreedy**, President and CEO of Amalgamated Sugar.
- John McCreedy**, President of Amalgamated Sugar, explained the company was founded in 1897 and now has three operating factories in Idaho. He stated the company is a grower-owned cooperative, purchased by the Snake River Sugar Company in 1997. He said they are the second largest sugarbeet processor in the United States with over 730 growers on approximately 182,000 acres across Idaho, Oregon and Washington.
- Mr. McCreedy** explained with the help of genetic engineering in combination with other technological advances, the growers have produced 63% more sugarbeets per acre and 75% more pounds of sugar per acre since 1996. They use fewer, safer pesticides and about 60% less diesel fuel to raise a crop than they used 20 years ago. He said the industry is committed to continue making improvements in these areas.
- In response to a committee question, **Mr. McCreedy** said to increase sugar content they use improved seeds, manage fertilizer and water practices.
- Randall Grant**, President of Idaho Sugarbeet Growers, said they are the second highest producer of sugarbeet sugar in the nation just behind Minnesota. He said one of the benefits to the Idaho growers is their ability to control water through proper irrigation. He reported farm loans are the highest they have been in 8 years indicating future sustainability.
- In response to a committee question **Mr. McCreedy** said, sugarbeets were not included in the new NAFTA agreement therefore have not been affected.
- Roger Batt**, Executive Director Idaho Eastern-Oregon Seed Association, stated they grow 50 different species of seeds across the state, shipping them to 120 countries world wide.

**Brett Lolley**, President, explained the benefits of low humidity creating a favorable environment to produce seeds. He said the long growing season along with the ability to irrigate and control water makes it perfect for growing corn. He said approximately 70% of the Global Temperate Sweet Corn seed is produced in the Treasure Valley of Idaho. He stated urban sprawl has made growing corn more difficult due to pollination being less controllable.

**Brad Smith**, Kimberly Seed International, spoke about pea production, explaining it is not a major crop but there are three different types of peas grown in Idaho. He explained the difference between the three types and the main usage for each of them. He reviewed the average acres planted and the value in dollars.

**Stuart Smith**, IEOSA, stated Idaho is the 2nd largest producer of alfalfa seed in the Northwest just behind Washington state. He explained the biggest challenge for the growers is insect control and balancing the beneficial with the destructive. He said Idaho wheat is shipped all around the world.

**Gina Lohnes**, Treasure Valley Seed Company, said Idaho is ranked 5th in the nation in bean production. She noted since 2016, bean consumption has markedly increased due to health conscious people looking for alternative sources of protein. She said they are leaders in the nation for seed crop as well because of the favorable circumstances of our climate, watering abilities and the quarantined process limiting bean seed coming into the state.

**Craig Nuthak**, IEOSA, stated if you want to have a good crop you start with good seeds. He explained different seed treatments, their uses and the benefits to the plants treated. He stated without the use of neonicotinoids there would be reduced yields, higher insecticide use, less pest control and increased operation costs.

**Roger Batt**, explained the issues facing the seed industry which threaten the viability of farm land as urban developments continue to grow. He said the industry continues to work with the EPA as they develop new and better products that are safe for the environment as well as effective for the purposes used by the growers.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment  
Room EW42  
Thursday, March 14, 2019

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 122</a>	Hemp Research and Development ( VOTE ONLY )	Rep. Troy/ Rep. Moon
	Idaho Hops Report	Michelle Gooding, Grower
	Invasive Species	Nick Zurfluh, Section Manager

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 14, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Jesse Smith, Self; Jeffrey Braga, Self; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator; Hannah Syphus, Student; Jaiden Syphus, Mother; Michelle Gooding, Gooding Farms Inc; Lloyd Knight, ISDA; Jonathan Parker, IFH; Nic Zurflud, ISDA

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**H 122:** **Rep. Troy** explained testimony was heard last month on **H 122** and said it is now time to vote. She said they know what hemp is and what it is not. She said they will work with the Idaho Agriculture Department to implement safe policies conforming with Federal Laws.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to send **H 122** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor. **Rep. Marshall** and **Rep. Raymond** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**Michelle Gooding**, President of Idaho Hops Association, reviewed the history of the hops industry in Idaho starting in the 1930's. She said their operation started in 1944 and is now a 5th and 6th generation led company. She gave a brief explanation of how hops are grown and harvested. She explained it can take up to 15 years to develop a new hop variety and stated they are currently growing 56 different varieties. She said they have changed from furrow irrigation to drip irrigation reducing water usage from 3.5 ac/ft to 2.5 ac/ft per year. She said their focus is on quality and innovation, exploring new varieties and expanding in foreign markets and exports.

**Chairman Boyle** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Troy**.

**Nic Zurfluh**, ISDA Section Manager, provided an update and brief history of the Invasive Species Program. Mr. Zurfluh reviewed the budget and the funding for the program. He said their focus is prevention, early detection, management and control and education and outreach. He said this is the tenth year of the inspection program and in 2018 they performed over 110,000 inspections in the 3 roving and twenty inspection stations. He reported with the 2018 analysis complete, there is no suspicious detection in Idaho.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 pm or upon adjournment  
Room EW42  
Monday, March 18, 2019

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Fish Breeders of Idaho	Leo Ray, Owner

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 18, 2019  
**TIME:** 1:30 pm or upon adjournment  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Kerby, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Raymond, Erpelding  
**GUESTS:** None

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

**Leo Ray**, Fish Breeders of Idaho, said Idaho raises 70% of all trout in the US. He said raising sturgeon in Idaho is a direct result of the College of Southern Idaho's research on how to spawn and raise sturgeon in the great water available in Idaho. Mr. Ray gave a history of the practices of aquaculture beginning two thousand years ago in China. He said China still produces a majority of the world's aquaculture. He stated when he first started in 1968, less than 1% of our seafood came from aquaculture whereas today 50% comes from aquaculture. He explained as the ocean's wild harvest decline, it is more economical to raise fish on farms rather than in the ocean. He said the demand for sea food is projected to double in the next 20 years and much of that increase will be met from farms.

**Mr. Ray** said in order to grow the industry it is important to have both public and government support. He spoke of the importance of university research and reasonable EPA and DEQ regulations that allow young people with energy and drive to experiment with new concepts.

**Mr. Ray** said Idaho is poised to lead in aquaculture development with the strength of the University of Idaho Hagerman Research Institution, the College of Southern Idaho Aquaculture Programs and with the leadership of **Gary Fornshell**, their aquaculture extension agent.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 PM or UPON ADJOURNMENT  
Room EW20  
Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
*NOTE ROOM CHANGE*

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Idaho Beef Council	TK Kuwahara, Executive Director

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 PM or UPON ADJOURNMENT

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Chairman Boyle, Representative(s) Zito, Giddings

**GUESTS:** None

**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, March 12, and Thursday, March 14, 2019, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Goesling** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Troy.**

**TK Kuwahara**, Executive Director, explained the council's long range plans and priorities. She said their objective is to see an increase in wholesale beef demand by 2% annually over the next five years and explained the strategies in place to achieve their goals. She reviewed the nutritional value of beef and explained programs aiming to overcome consumer misperceptions. She explained the various marketing activities going on throughout the year to expand Idaho Beef sales.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Kuwahara** explained the Idaho Food Bank needed a high quality protein and the Beef Council was able to help fill that need. The Double R Ranch donates up to \$50,000 in matching contributions to help the donations go even further.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Kuwahara** said they utilize social media including Instagram, Pandora and YouTube.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Kuwahara** said they are working on a data base list of all cattle ranchers including the smaller growers so that consumers can reach out directly to them.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.

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Representative Troy  
Vice Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 pm or upon Adjournment**  
**Room EW20**  
**Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>SCR 110</u></a>	Rule Rejection, Soil and Water	Sen. Den Hartog

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 pm or upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Kerby, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Erpelding

**GUESTS:** Terry Hoebelheinrich, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission; Corrine Dalzell, ISWC; Delwyne Trefz; ISWC

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Goesling** made a motion to approve the minutes from Tuesday, March 12, Thursday, March 14, Monday, March 18 and Wednesday, March 20, 2019 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**SCR 110:** **Sen. Den Hartog**, (22) explained the sections of the rule the Senate voted to reject and explained the concerns they had with projects beginning before final approval of loans and the removal of the cap on loan amounts.

**Terry Hoebelheinrich**, ISWC, stated the changes were to return to the original language and expand the availability of loans beyond individuals. He said larger projects would necessitate loan amounts above the capped amount now in statute. In regards to projects started before loans were completed, he said, among other means is the availability of title insurance.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Troy** made a motion to send **SCR 110** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Troy** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Boyle** recognized **Nathan Henrie**, who has served as the Agriculture Affairs Committee Page and thanked him for his service.

**Chairman Boyle** thanked the committee for the work they did this session.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary