

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, February 12, 2021

TIME: UPON ADJOURNMENT

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Ruchti, von Ehlinger

GUESTS: Martin Bilao, American Kratom Association

Chairman Kauffman called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28491: **Rep. Dixon** explained this legislation removes a prohibition on the use of reindeer for domestic purposes north of the Salmon River.

MOTION: **Rep. Moon** made a motion to introduce **RS 28491**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28574: **David Claiborne**, representing Idaho Dairymen's Association, said this proposed legislation is to clarify the ISDA using the best available science in rule-making, where available, and with special emphasis given to site-specific, local, state-wide and regional data, including economic information. He said with respect to science used in rule-making, to require the disclosure of, and opportunity for public comment on, applicable science and its underlying methodology and to require rules imposed on agriculture operations be economically feasible, based on economic information presented by interested parties. He said the intent is to ensure imposition of rules dictated by scientific possibilities are balanced against economic reality such that regulatory burdens are financially attainable by farms and ranches.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 28574**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 28545: **Martin Bilbao**, American Kratom Association, stated kratom is a naturally grown tree, which comes from the coffee family and originates in South East Asia. It has been used for centuries in South East Asia and since the early 1970's in the United States. He said kratom can be used to give a boost of energy, to improve focus, and has helped many with pain management. He pointed out consumers are put at risk with adulterated and misbranded kratom products. This legislation provides for definitions of kratom, bans the sale of adulterated or synthetic kratom products in Idaho and provides for violations for those who sell adulterated or synthetic kratom products.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to introduce **RS 28545**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Representative Kauffman
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary