

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 02, 2024

**TIME:** Upon Adjournment of the Floor

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash (Coberly), Roberts

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representatives Ehlers, Sauter and Mathias

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Andrus** called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

**Chairman Andrus** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Raymond**.

**DOCKET NO.  
02-0303-2301:** **Lloyd Knight**, Deputy Director, Idaho State Department of Agriculture, presented an update regarding **Docket No. 02-0303-2301**. Mr. Knight stated a publishing error occurred resulting in some words being cut off on Page 55 of the red-lined copy but the Department of Administration has now published the corrected copy.

**MOTION:** **Chairman Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0303-2301** as is now correctly published. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chair Raymond** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Andrus**.

**Chairman Andrus** put the committee at ease at 9:43 a.m.

**Chairman Andrus** resumed the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

**RS 31123:** **Rep. Boyle** presented **RS 31123**, proposed legislation creating a misdemeanor criminal penalty for filing a false pesticide or chemigation damage claim.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to introduce **RS 31123**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31161:** **Braden Jensen**, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, presented **RS 31161**, stating, this proposed legislation provides landowners an option to preserve agricultural land by designating it as an Agricultural Protection Area. Mr. Jensen shared they received feedback from many stakeholders and participation in the program is voluntary.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nelson** made a motion to introduce **RS 31161**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31105:** **Braden Jensen**, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, presented **RS 31105**, proposed legislation ensuring the requirement for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to inspect plants and plant pests on private land is consistent with the statutory requirements of the ISDA for inspecting livestock. Responding to questions by the committee, Mr. Jensen stated a suspicion of a pest issue would need to exist to allow the ISDA to enter the property.

**MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 31105**.

Responding to questions by the committee, **Braden Jensen** stated he looks forward to having discussions with the ISDA regarding the Quagga Mussel and how it may pertain to the proposed legislation.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:**

**Chairman Andrus** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 31105. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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Representative Andrus  
Chair

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Lisa Hendricks  
Secretary