

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO		
02-0601-2301	Production and Distribution of Seed	Lloyd Knight, Idaho Dept. of Agriculture Deputy Director (ISDA)
02-0604-2301	Plant Exports	Andrea Thompson, ISDA
02-0213-2301	Commodity Dealers'	Jared Stuart, ISDA
02-0215-2301	Seed Indemnity	Jared Stuart
02-0602-2301	Registrations and Licenses	Andrea Thompson
02-0214-2301	Weights and Measures	Jared Stuart
02-0633-2301	Organic Food Products	Jared Stuart
02-0609-2303	Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds	Lloyd Knight

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Andrus	Rep Garner
Vice Chairman Raymond	Rep Nelsen
Rep Boyle	Rep Pickett
Rep Cannon	Rep Sauter
Rep McCann	Rep Mathias
Rep Ehlers	Rep Nash (Coberly)
Rep Gallagher	Rep Roberts

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

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:** Rep. Roberts

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 1:31 p.m.

Chairman Andrus welcomed the commencement of the 2024 session of the Idaho House of Representatives. Reps. **Mathias** and **Gallagher** were entrusted with the task of reviewing the minutes, and Chairman Andrus acknowledged **Larell Chandler**, the committee page hailing from Weiser, Idaho.

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

DOCKET NO. 02-0601-2301: **Lloyd Knight**, Deputy Director, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), explained the current fee structure is considered out of keeping with fee structures in surrounding state seed labs and private sector seed labs. A proposed fee structure has been put forward, which involves a 51% increase across all fees, along with additional increases for rush fees and beans.

Richard Winn, HM Claus, Seed Lab Advisory Board, **Roger Batt**, Idaho Eastern Oregon Seed Association (IEOSA), **Brad Smith**, President, IEOSA, **Jared Gebauer**, Chairman, IEOSA, spoke in support of the rule, saying the aim for the State Seed Lab is to thrive competitively, maximize its independence, and to be a fully functional, state-of-the-art seed lab.

In response to committee questions, **Chanel Tewalt**, Director, ISDA, explained ISDA is exploring a fee structure reflecting a commitment to services, and distinguishing between mandatory and voluntary services. Some fees are inherent in mandatory categories, while others, like lab fees, are selectively applied, deviating from rigid rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to approve Docket No. 02-0601-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 02-0604-2301: **Andrea Thompson**, ISDA, addressed the production of pest-free plants and plant products. She detailed inspections and compliance procedures with phytosanitary regulations of other states and foreign countries. They incorporate provisions for the voluntary certification of nursery stock as virus-free for export. The rules establish a program for the registration and export of ginseng, aiming to safeguard American ginseng as an endangered species.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve Docket No. 02-0604-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.

DOCKET NO. 02-0213-2301: **Jared Stuart**, ISDA, said these rules provide clarity on the licensing procedure, assessment collection and remittance, determination of claim value, maintenance of electronic records, utilization of electronic scales, and the Department's remedies for non-compliance.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0213-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0215-2301: **Jared Stuart**, ISDA, explained the rule clarifies procedures related to licensing, collection and remittance of assessments, determining claim value, maintaining electronic records, use of electronic scales, and remedies of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) for non-compliance.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0215-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0602-2301: **Andrea Thompson**, ISDA, said the rule comprises standardized definitions and standards employed by states for the regulation of commercial feed, commercial fertilizer, and soil and plant amendments. There are no modifications to the pending rule, and it is being adopted as initially proposed.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0602-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0214-2301: **Jared Stuart**, ISDA, explained the rules cover specifications, tolerances, and other technical requirements for commercial weighing and measuring devices. There are no changes to the pending rule, and it is being adopted as originally proposed.

MOTION: **Rep. Sauter** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0214-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0633-2301: **Jared Stuart**, ISDA, noted the rule is crucial to keeping current with national regulations, and preserving the validity of organic certification for customers utilizing the agency's certification services. There are no changes to the pending rule, and it is being adopted as originally proposed.

MOTION: **Representative Gallagher** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0633-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0609-2301: **Lloyd Knight**, ISDA, stated the rule governs the control of invasive species, including designation, inspection, decontamination, and enforcement. It applies to the possession, importation, transportation, and control of invasive species. The rule identifies designated noxious weeds, designates articles capable of spreading them, mandates treatment to prevent dissemination, and allows the establishment of cooperative weed management areas. It also regulates the inspection, certification, and marking of noxious weed-free forage and straw for transportation and use.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0609-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Representative Raymond
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
02-0610-2301	The Growing of Potatoes	Andrea Thompson, Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA)
02-0616-2301	Honey Standards	Andrea Thompson
02-0423-2301	Commercial Livestock Truck Washing Facilities	Dr. Scott Leibsle
02-0430-2301	Environmental and Nutrient Management	Dr. Scott Leibsle
02-0414-2301	Dairy Byproduct	Dr. Scott Leibsle
02-0432-2301	Poultry Operations	Dr. Scott Leibsle
02-0303-2301	Pesticide and Chemigation Use and Application	Lloyd Knight, Deputy Director, ISDA

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

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:** 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 1:34 p.m.

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

Rep. Melissa Durrant expressed appreciation for **Chairman Andrus** and his wife, **Shelby**, acknowledging their representation of Idaho at the Farm Bureau Federation in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Andrus couple stood out among representatives from 25 states as part of the Excellence in Agriculture Program. This award specifically recognizes individuals engaged in agriculture but not exclusively reliant on it for their livelihood. Their distinctive story, passion, and dedicated efforts to advocate for and safeguard Idaho left a lasting impression on everyone present.

DOCKET NO. 02-0610-2301: **Andrea Thompson**, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) explained the procedures for all potato management within Seed Potato Crop Management Areas and the procedures of identifying, handling and testing uncertified seed potatoes to be planted in Idaho. These rules also seek to prevent the spread of Pale Cyst Nematode and the introduction and/or spread of Cm (caused by a bacterium, *Clavibacter michiganensis* subsp. *sepedonicus*) (Cms) and subsequently bacterial ring rot throughout Idaho and the United States.

An inspector is authorized to enter and inspect public or private property, including examining, surveying, sampling, testing, treating, controlling, or eradicating soil, plants, or plant material with Pale Cyst Nematode. In response to committee concerns, **Lloyd Knight** and **Chanel Tewalt** from ISDA, noted this provision has long existed but remains unused. If a director's rule surpasses federal law or regulates unregulated activities, the director must specify the exceeding sections.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0610-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0616-2301: **Andrea Thompson**, ISDA, mentioned these rules apply to all honey produced by honeybees and incorporate the United States Standards for Grades of Extracted Honey for quality control. The standards, adopted by the Agriculture Marketing Service, USDA, on May 23, 1985, are adopted for extracted honey grades. The Idaho Honey Commission's intent is to ensure that honey sold in Idaho meets these basic standards, as the federal government sets a standard for honey definition but doesn't enforce it at the state level.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0616-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

- DOCKET NO. 02-0423-2301:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, ISDA, addressed Commercial Livestock Truck Washing Facilities (CLTWF). The focus is on facilities that charge fees for washing livestock trucks and trailers or where the process wastewater is unregulated. This change impacts the regulatory scope, particularly in Animal Industries. The regulation specifies that only manure and process wastewater from CLTWF operations are allowed in wastewater storage and containment facilities. The disposal of materials like oil, grease, heavy metals, chlorinated solvents, and human waste into these facilities is strictly prohibited.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0423-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 02-0430-2301:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle** clarified that the regulation oversees the certification process for soil samplers and nutrient management planners. It includes the collection and handling of soil samples, creating a request for a CAFO Site Advisory Team, forming the team, developing a site suitability determination, and submitting it to county officials. The rule also addresses odor management on agricultural operations (excluding certain animal feeding operations) and the stockpiling of agricultural waste to safeguard the well-being of animals, humans, and the environment.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0430-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 02-0414-2301:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle** explained each dairy farm is required to have a Dairy Nutrient Management Plan (DNMP) that covers both the dairy farm site and other associated land where dairy by-products are applied. The DNMP must include a completed nitrogen management plan worksheet for all fields and pastures receiving nutrient applications. All pastures used for grazing dairy and other animals must be incorporated into the DNMP. If pastured animals have access to surface water within a pasture, the producer may need to implement National Resources Conservation Standards (NRCS) to mitigate adverse impacts on surface water quality.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Roberts** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0414-2301. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 02-0432-2301:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle** mentioned these rules regulate the management practices of waste systems on poultry concentrated animal feeding operations. They cover the design, function, and management practices of these waste systems, with no changes to fees included in this rulemaking.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0432-2301. Motion carried by voice vote**
- DOCKET NO. 02-0303-2301:** **Lloyd Knight**, Deputy Director, ISDA, said this chapter presides over the utilization and application of pesticides, the licensing of pesticide applicators, the registration of pesticides, and the duties of chemigation in Idaho. **Chanel Tewalt** emphasized the goal is to meet Idaho's legal requirements while ensuring customer satisfaction and finding a balanced and workable solution that doesn't jeopardize the authority of the EPA. The importance of continuing education credits and the consideration of chemigation within the application process were highlighted, making it more streamlined and efficient. Mr. Knight said all professional applicators must pass the Applicator Core Competency exam in addition to any other category. In response to committee inquiries, Mr. Knight directed the questions to **Ryan Ward**, ISDA, who informed the committee all examination documents are transmitted electronically and securely stored on servers. It was emphasized any pesticide with toxicity to bees should not be applied to any agricultural crop during its bloom or when bees are actively foraging on blooming weeds in the crop being sprayed.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0303-2301.**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Roberts** made a substitute motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0303-2301**, except page 56, section 010.01 Anti- microbial enzymes, due to an error in wording.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to withdraw the motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0303-2301**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made an substitute motion to **hold Docket No. 02-0303-2301** subject to call of the chair. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Representative Raymond
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, January 30, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO 29-0101-2301	Idaho Potato Commission (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)	Sam Eaton, Idaho Potato Commission
	Idaho Potato Commission, 2023 IPC Audit/Legislative Report	Jamey Higham
	Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association	Samantha Parrott, Zach Patterson
	Almagamated Sugar	Brodie Griffin

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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:** None

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

Mr. Rick Waitley, Executive Director of Food Producers of Idaho and the sponsor of the University of Idaho Public Policy Tour, acknowledged **Rep. Raymond** for his significant contributions to agriculture. Rep. Raymond was honored with the Friend of Industry Award from the Northwest Agricultural Council.

Mr. Waitley introduced the 22nd Annual AG Econ Public Policy/Legislative Tour 2024 University of Idaho Students and Advisors.

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

DOCKET NO. 29-0101-2301: **Sam Eaton**, Vice President of Agriculture, outlined the comprehensive rules set by the Idaho Potato Commission (IPC). These rules cover tax payments, record-keeping obligations for various stakeholders, utilization of Certification Marks and Trademarks, branding specifications for individual potatoes, state brand grade and packing standards, reporting protocols, labeling and revocation processes, and additional labeling requirements. They collectively govern all procedures conducted under the purview of the IPC.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 29-0101-2301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

Jamey Higham, President, IPC, emphasized IPC safeguards and promotes the "Grown in Idaho" seal, a federally registered trademark, ensuring consumers of the authenticity and superior quality of Idaho potatoes. Issues facing industry are water management, inflation, and Federal Over-Regulation.

Samantha Parrott of the Snake River Sugarbeet Growers Association (SRSGA) introduced **Zach Patterson**, who emphasized the primary goal is to advocate for the industry and ensure the sustainability of domestic sugar production. **Galen Lee**, Vice President, highlighted key legislative priorities, including labor, water, infrastructure, and farmland preservation.

Brodie Griffin, Vice President of Amalgamated Sugar, a wholly-owned cooperative and the second-largest beet company in the US, discussed the company's active implementation of an anaerobic digester. This initiative aims to improve processing efficiency, convert waste into biogas, and generate two megawatts of electricity. The sustainable approach involves repurposing beet pulp for cattle feed and employing a steam dryer to reduce fuel consumption and emissions.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2024, and January 24, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment of the Floor
Room EW42
Friday, February 02, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 31123	Update on Rule 02-0303-2301 Pesticide and Chemagation Damage Claims	Lloyd Knight, ISDA Rep. Boyle
RS 31161	Agricultural Protection Area	Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation
RS 31105	Land Inspections, Ag Director	Braden Jensen

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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.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #2
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, February 06, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 403	Soil conservation district, supervisors	Rep. Garner
DOCKET NO 24-3801-2301	State of Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine (ZBR Chapter Rewrite, Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule	Stephanie Lotridge, Executive Officer
	Agriculture Budget Review	Janet Jessop, LSO

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DATE: Tuesday, February 06, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** McCann, Sauter

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Chairman Andrus called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

H 403: **Rep. Garner** presented **H 403**, which outlines the procedure for a district to transition from a seven-member board to a five-member board upon request. This process involves electing directors for their terms and specifying procedures for filling vacancies.

Devin Fielding from the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation District spoke **in support** of **H 403**, emphasizing it offers necessary clarity in the elections process and addresses operational issues affecting district board vacancies.

Clinton Aston expressed his commitment to agriculture and spoke **in opposition** to the legislation, citing concerns about granting the governor authority to appoint a board member.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **H 403** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Garner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

DOCKET NO. 24-3801-2301: **Stephanie Lotridge**, Department of Occupational and Professional Licensing, detailed the regulations covering licensing, supervision, practice standards, inspections, and disciplinary measures for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and euthanasia professionals.

MOTION: **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3801-2301.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
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1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, February 08, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<u>RS 31252C1</u>	Transport and harvest of domestic Cervidae regarding chronic wasting disease	Rep. Raymond
	Department of Education, Teacher of the Year	Trent Van Leuven
	Agriculture Budget Review	Janet Jessup, Principle Analyst, LSO

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DATE: Thursday, February 08, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** McCann, Sauter, Stinson

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RS 31552C1: **Rep. Raymond** pointed out **RS 31552C1** seeks to modernize regulations concerning the transportation and harvesting of domestic Cervidae in response to chronic wasting disease concerns.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to introduce **RS 31552C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Scott Graf, Director of Communications, introduced **Trent Van Leuven**.

Trent Van Leuven, named the 2024 Idaho Teacher of the Year, hails from Mackay, where he serves as a dedicated career technical and agriculture teacher. Mr. Van Leuven highlighted the support of local high school agriculture programs, the College of Southern Idaho, dairy farms, processors, and Idaho CAFE. Together, they strive to present a strong talent pipeline for the Idaho Dairy Industry, appealing to potential investors.

Janet Jessup, LSO, explained the Idaho agriculture budget policy analysis evaluates resource allocation, subsidy programs, and regulations. Through eight budgeted programs, it aims to enhance agricultural policy efficiency in the state.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, February 12, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 472	Land inspections, ag director	Rep. Pickett
H 474	Pesticides, damage, false reports	Rep. Boyle
RS 31221	Chemigation	Rep. Durrant

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 12, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** none

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 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Andrus put the committee at ease at 1:32 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 1:39 p.m.

H 472: **Rep. Pickett** emphasized this legislation guarantees alignment between the obligation for ISDA to inspect plants and plant pests on private land and the statutory mandates governing ISDA's inspection protocols for livestock.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **H 472** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 474: **Rep. Boyle** highlighted this legislation concerning false reporting of pesticide and chemigation damage claims. There has been a rise in unfounded claims against applicators, which investigators have found to be baseless. This legislation introduces a misdemeanor criminal penalty for such false claims.

Speaking **in support** of **H 474**, **David Lehman** from Idaho Ag Aviation, **George Parker** from Idaho Ag Aviation Association, and **Mike Jurak** from Red Baron Ag Service, pointed out while some claims are legitimate and addressed by the Department of Agriculture, there's been an increase in claims involving local law enforcement. This suggests a deliberate attempt to cause problems, directly affecting real-world applicators. They also noted a rise in repeat offenders.

Jonathan Openheimer spoke **in opposition** to **H 474** stating it's already considered illegal to knowingly provide false information and should be enforced.

Director Tewalt stated ISDA doesn't investigate these claims as they are not covered in statute.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **H 474** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Nelsen, Pickett** and **Boyle** declared Rule 80. **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 31221: **Rep. Durrant** proposed legislation to streamline regulations for chemigation applicators in Idaho. Currently, state law mirrors federal rules, even though federal regulations don't mandate separate licensing for chemigation. The proposed law aims to decouple chemigation from federal licensing, enabling Idaho to establish its own licensing system in collaboration with farmers and applicators.

MOTION: Rep. Ehlers made a motion to introduce **RS 31221**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 549	Chemigation Wine and Grape Commission National FFA update	Rep. Durrant Roger Batt, Legislative Educator Clara-Leigh Evans, Idaho FFA Executive Director

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Achilles, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Nelsen

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 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 549: **Rep. Durrant** introduced **H 549**, which aims to separate chemigation from federal licensing requirements, allowing Idaho to develop its own licensing framework in partnership with farmers and applicators.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 549** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Durrant** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Roger Batt, Legislative Educator, emphasized the Idaho Wine Commission (IWC) is dedicated to serving as the collective voice for marketing, promoting, and advocating for all of Idaho's wine growers and winemakers. The vision is to maintain a flourishing wine industry renowned for its devoted producers, passionate consumers, and distinctive wines.

Moya Dolsby, Executive Director, IWC, remarked the Idaho Wine Commission plays a pivotal role in championing high-quality wines that are an integral component of Idaho's economy, contributing to its growth and development as the industry continues to expand and flourish.

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

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, February 22, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 591	Cervidae, quarantine	Rep. Raymond
	State of the College, University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences	Michael Parrella, Dean, U of I, CALS
	Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture	Brett Wilder, CALS

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** 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 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 591: **Rep. Raymond** emphasized **H 591** is centered around addressing chronic wasting disease in domestic elk. With oversight of the domestic elk population falling under the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, it's necessary to establish revised standards and definitions to ensure effective management of the issue.

Mr. Siddoway said under quarantine conditions animal movement is restricted, leaving them confined to small pens. Idaho standards for exposed herds were stricter than federal regulations, but they will now align with federal rules.

Rulan Jones, Roy Klingler, Danielle Klingler, Alana Lerwill, Jeff Lerwill, Chase Jones, Greg Golightly, and Brad Walters, elk ranchers, spoke in support of **H 591**, highlighting Idaho's regulations are more restrictive compared to those of other states. They emphasized if the herd is quarantined, there is no option to sell or harvest the animals, and they must still be cared for over a period of five years.

Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League, and **Garret Visser**, Idaho Wildlife Federation, spoke in opposition to **H 591**, citing concerns about the necessity of implementing double fencing.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to send **H 591** to the floor with a **DO PASS** Recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Achilles** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 591** in committee. **Motion failed by voice vote.**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by voice vote of 14 AYE and 0 NAY. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Andrus, Raymond, Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Achilles, Mathias, and Roberts. Voting in opposition to the motion: None. Rep. Mathias was absent/excused. Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Dean Michael Parrella, University of Idaho (U of I), explained the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences features key programs like the Idaho Agricultural Experiment Station, U of I Extension, and Idaho 4-H, driving research and education. Additionally, the Idaho Center for Plant and Soil Health, CAFE, and the Meat Science and Innovation Center prioritize sustainability and food quality.

Brett Wilder spoke to the Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture. Idaho, although small in overall economy, holds significant importance in agriculture, contributing to 17% of the total economic output. Canada stands as the primary destination for Idaho's exports, with a total of \$3.1 billion exported. However, in 2023, there was a decrease in export revenue compared to previous years.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

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AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, February 26, 2024

or upon adjournment

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 612	Wolf depredation control board	Rep. Boyle
11-0201-2301	Idaho State Brand Board (Fee Rule)	Cody Burlile, State Brand Inspector

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 26, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Roberts, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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 1:30 p.m.

H 612: **Rep. Boyle** explained that **H 612** would grant the Wolf Depredation Control Board the authority to compensate for depredations. Presently, the board's jurisdiction is limited to the lethal control of wolves in Idaho. This expansion would enable them to allocate funds to ranchers who experience losses caused by these animals.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **H 612** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Dexton Lake, Farm Bureau, and **Cameron Mulroney**, Idaho Cattle Association, spoke in support of **H 612**.

**DOCKET NO.
11-0201-2301:** **Cody Burlile**, Idaho State Brand Inspector (ISBI), said the Idaho Brand Board relies on dedicated funds, but fluctuating expenses, driven by inflation and operational costs, have led to deficits in recent years. Without fee adjustments, the Board anticipates continued deficits in FY 2024.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0201-2301.** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Cody Burlile, ISBI, explained the Board safeguards livestock welfare and prevents theft. It verifies ownership, enforces laws, and collaborates with stakeholders for efficient operations. Idaho, with over 2.5 million cattle, ranks among the top cattle states, with its dairy industry third nationally. Livestock is Idaho's second-largest agriculture sector.

In FY 2023, a total of 2,151,365 livestock were inspected, with 139 stray livestock recovered. Additionally, 18,026 brands were recorded during the period. The number of livestock dealer licenses issued was 174, along with a corresponding number of dealer representatives.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Monday, March 04, 2024

or upon adjournment

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission	Delwyne Trefz, Administrator

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 04, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Roberts, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Reps. Mathias (Church), McCann, Boyle, Sauter, Roberts and Achilles

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 3:10 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2024, and February 26, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Delwyne Trefz explained the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC) initially assisted local conservation districts in reducing soil erosion from agricultural practices. It now also leads voluntary conservation programs addressing water quality and other natural resource issues.

CREP acreage decreased due to expired contracts amidst high commodity prices. RCRDP loans notably enhanced acreage, with two key loans contributing over 50%. Social media reach growth slowed due to methodological changes, while partner project entries in Tracker decreased as partners prioritized implementation projects funded by our Water Quality Program for Agriculture and others.

Devin Fielding, ISWCC, outlined how conservation districts in Idaho work to preserve soil, prevent erosion and flooding, and promote water conservation. They facilitate partnerships among landowners, state, and federal agencies, acting as advocates for conservation on private land. This is crucial for sustaining Idaho's economy, heavily reliant on food production, forestry, and mining. Their approach focuses on voluntary, locally led conservation efforts, ensuring these resources endure for future generations.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Wednesday, March 06, 2024

or Upon Adjournment

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
SJM 102	Immigration, labor, security	Senator Guthrie
SCR 111	Veterinarians	Braden Jensen, Patxi Larrocea-Phillips

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 06, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Roberts

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

MOTION: **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

SJM 102: **Senator Jim Guthrie** presented **SJM 102**, highlighting federal responsibility for immigration, criticizes border security failures, and calls for a modernized system with legal guest-worker options. It opposes amnesty and urges Idaho's delegation to take a leading role in national immigration reform.

Fred Birnbaum, Idaho Freedom Foundation, spoke **in opposition** to **SJM 102**, saying the legislation isn't strong enough.

Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau, and **Bob Naerebout**, Idaho Dairymen's Association, spoke **in support** of **SJM 102**, saying this legislation tackles border security, immigration, and guest worker issues, emphasizing the impact on farmers and ranchers and advocating for state-level solutions to be sent to Congress.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **SJM 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SCR 111: **Rep. McCann** introduced **Braden Jensen** who explained **SCR 111** would allow the Idaho State Board of Education to explore partnering with the State of Utah and Utah State University for Idaho students to join Utah's veterinary program, akin to Idaho's existing collaboration with Washington State University. **Patxi Larrocea-Phillips**, Idaho Cattle Association, noted a decrease in documented individuals expressing interest in practicing veterinary medicine in rural Idaho, particularly in the critical area of large animal care.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to send **SCR 111** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. McCann** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
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AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Friday, March 08, 2024

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 403aaS	Soil and Conservation Districts	Rep. Garner

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Vice Chairman Raymond	Rep Nelsen
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Rep Cannon	Rep Sauter
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Rep Ehlers	Rep Roberts
Rep Gallagher	Rep Achilles

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, March 08, 2024

TIME: Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW42

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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Cannon, McCann, Mathias (Church)

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 1:15 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 403aaS: **H 403aaS** was brought before the committee again for consideration of the Senate amendment. **Rep. Garner** presented the amendment to the bill stating it would allow the Governor to appoint a replacement to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission under certain conditions.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to Concur with the Senate amendments to **H 403**. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Garner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Lisa Hendricks
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Apple and Cherry Commission	Candi Fitch

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

TIME: Upon Adjournment

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Roberts, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Boyle, Cannon

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

MOTION: **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Candi Fitch, the Executive Director of the Idaho Apple, Cherry, and Hop Commission reported a decline in hop usage, leading to market correction efforts by brewers and dealers. Idaho saw a strong apple yield last season but faces labor challenges in seasonal hiring. Cherries had a good season in 2023, but a lack of market resulted in significant unpicked crops. A Specialty Crop Grant for 2024 aims to boost awareness and demand for Idaho cherries.

Chairman Andrus turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Raymond** at 1:49 p.m.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AMENDED AGENDA #1
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 P.M.
Room EW42
Thursday, March 14, 2024

Or upon adjournment

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
H 712	Estray livestock	Rep. Andrus
	Idaho Beef Council	T.K. Kuwahara
	Innovative Agriculture and Marketing Partnership for Idaho	Dr. Erin Brooks

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 14, 2024

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Roberts, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Roberts

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.

Vice Chairman Raymond called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 712: **Rep. Andrus** presented **H 712**, legislation to introduce measures aimed at tackling the issue of stray livestock and mitigating the disturbances they may cause. By implementing these provisions, the legislation aims to enhance practices in animal husbandry and foster better relationships among neighbors.

MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 712** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Dexton Lake, Idaho Farm Bureau, **Paxti Larrocea-Phillips**, Idaho Cattle Association, and **Sheriff Goetz** spoke in support of **H 712**.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Larrocea-Phillips** explained the fence law and the responsibility to maintain fences in the Idaho: Individuals situated on private property adjoining a federal or state fence are obligated to uphold the fence's maintenance. Should animals from a federal allotment or under a federal permit cross onto the adjacent private land, while the producer may receive notification, the responsibility to ensure the fence's upkeep lies with the private property owner. This regulation is outlined in Title 35, Chapter 102.

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

T.K. Kuwahara, Idaho Beef Council, explained cattle preserve Idaho by turning inedible plants into high-quality beef and keep our views vast and open.

Dr. Erin Brooks introduced Idaho's \$55 million Innovative Agriculture and Marketing Partnership. It promotes sustainable practices for key commodities, emphasizing MMRV methods, expanding markets, and highlighting carbon-related opportunities.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary

AGENDA
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
Room EW42
Monday, March 18, 2024

For members of the public to observe the meeting, please click on the following link:
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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
S 1305aa	Urban Agriculture	Senator Nichols

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MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, March 18, 2024
TIME: 1:30 pm or Upon Adjournment
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Roberts, Achilles
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Boyle
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 1:30 p.m.
MOTION: **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to **approve** the minutes of March 12, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
S 1305aa: **Senator Nichols** said **S 1035aa** aims to establish definitions for terms associated with urban agriculture.
MOTION: **Rep. Gallagher** made a motion to send **S 1305aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** Rep. Gallagher will sponsor the bill on the floor.
ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary