

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016

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

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy (Agidius), Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. VanOrden, and Romrell

**GUESTS:** Jared Stuart, ISDA; Matt Voile, ISDA; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Sean Ellis, Capitol Press; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau

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

**Chairman Andrus** recognized **Rep. Agidius** who will be substituting for **Rep. Troy** and thanked her for accepting this responsibility.

**Chairman Andrus** assigned proofreaders to review the Committee minutes for this session. **Rep. Kerby** for the Majority and **Rep. Pence** for the Minority.

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

**DOCKET NO. 02-0214-1501:** **Stacie Ybarra**, Program Specialist for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture's Weight and Measures Program presented **Docket No. 02-0214-1501**. The changes to the rule are an annual housekeeping item done to promote uniformity by keeping the codes current with new technology and uniform with surrounding states.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0421-1501:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian presented **Docket No. 02-0421-1501**. The proposed rule change has been recommended by the Western States Livestock Health Association to harmonize Trichomoniasis import regulations for all western states. The changes to the rule involve allowing imported bulls to be considered virgins up to eighteen (18) months of age and a Trichomoniasis test, either by culture or PCR now being valid for sixty (60) days.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0421-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0429-1501:** **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Deputy State Veterinarian presented **Docket No. 02-0429-1501**. The change in the rule is to achieve consistency and harmony of regulations among all the western states. The rule change involves the validity of bulls having been tested either by culture or PCR for Trichomoniasis and changing the required test from thirty (30) days to sixty (60) days of shipment.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0429-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0602-1501:** **Jared Stuart**, Agriculture Section Manager, presented **Docket No. 02-0602-1501**. This rule change updates the rule to reference the most recent available copy of the Association of American Feed Control Officials manual so that terms, definitions and standards are up to date for producers and regulators in the state. It also ensures that producers and distributors do not have to worry about changing standards from state to state while producing and distributing product in Idaho.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0602-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0612-1501:** **Jared Stuart**, Agriculture Section Manager, presented **Docket No. 02-0612-1501.** This rule change updates the rule to reference the most recently available copy of the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials manual so that terms, definitions and standards are up to date for producers and regulators in the state. This also ensures that producers and distributors do not have to worry about changing standards from state to state while producing and distributing products in Idaho.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0612-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0622-1501:** **Matt Voile**, Agriculture Section Manager, presented **Docket No. 02-0622-1501.** The Purple Starthistle and Iberian Starthistle have been added to the Early Detection Rapid Response section of the noxious weed list. Both species were added due to the fact that in the nearest infestations in California and coastal Oregon, both species occur in mixed stands.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Pence** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0622-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0625-1501:** **Jared Stuart**, Agriculture Section Manager, presented **Docket No. 02-0625-1501.** This rule does regulate an activity not regulated by the federal government. The federal government does not regulate the planting of beans other than phaseolus species. The changes were made as proposed during negotiated rule making and will make it possible for companies to import small seed lots into Idaho while avoiding seed destruction, while at the same time not compromising the safety of the Idaho agriculture from threats of plant pests and disease.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0625-1501. Rep. Batt** invoked Rule 38 stating possible conflict of interest but that she will be voting on the motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0641-1501:** **Jared Stuart**, Agriculture Section Manager, presented **Docket No. 02-0641-1501.** This rule regulates an activity not regulated by the federal government. The federal government does not regulate soil and plant amendments. The rule is however consistent with the national standards of the Association of Plant Food Control Officials.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Batt** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0641-1501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

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Representative Andrus  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary