

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.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Ivi Taylor
Secretary