

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021

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

**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:** Representative Mathias

**GUESTS:** Brent Olmstead, CALS: Sean Ellis, Farm Bureau; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Assoc

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

**MOTION:** **Rep.Hanks** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021, and January 22, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Michael Parrella**, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Science, U of I, said the U of I College of Agriculture and Life Science (CALs) is proud to serve as the Research and Development engine for Idaho's agriculture enterprise which accounts for 18% of the state's total output. He said the college also lead the state in research related to families, commodities and nutrition. He said their key initiatives aim to support this activity, move the college forward and support Idaho's agricultural and life science industries.

**RS 28235:** **Bob Naerebout**, Idaho Dairyment's Association, presented **RS 28235**. He said the change provides dairy producers with an option of utilizing either the original standard, phosphorus threshold or the more recent adopted standard, phosphorus indexing. These standards are currently found in Rule, based on statute requiring rules as to a standard. He stated the need for the legislation is to eliminate the sunset clause (found in Rule) that was put into place when the phosphorus indexing standard was adopted in 2017. This legislative "fix" does not change in any way the enforcement of Nutrient Management Plans it only provides producers with a choice.

**Mr. Naerebout** said the dual standard has been in place since 2017 and without this legislative change the phosphorus threshold standard would sunset on July 1, 2023.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 28235**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 28072:** **Chanel Tewalt** presented **RS 28072** stating in being consistent with the Governor's Red Tape Reduction Act, this bill seeks to eliminate inactive provisions of law. The IFQAI has transferred its powers and duties to the ISDA for years through memoranda of understanding (MOUs). She said the IFQAI has not managed the day-to-day activities of the laboratory for more than a decade. The IFQAI has been functioning as an advisory committee, and this bill would codify what has been established through MOUs. Ms. Tewalt explained if this bill were to become law, the ISDA will organize and host an Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory advisory committee. The Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory offers formal, third-party food quality and environmental testing to Idaho producers, government agencies, agricultural groups, processors, and consumers. She said this bill would not change the services, including voluntary industry testing, provided by the laboratory. Under the Idaho Public Records Act, all records of laboratory test results provided by or retained by the laboratory are confidential and exempt from

disclosure. This bill would not affect those exemptions. She said this bill will save the State of Idaho legal fees associated with MOUs, administrative time, and additional costs of coordinating a state board.

**Rep. Toone** invoked Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest but she would be voting.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to introduce **RS 28072. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000FA:** **Brian Oakey**, Deputy Director for the Idaho State Department (ISD), was available for questions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA**, with the exception of section **02.02.14. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.02.14:** **Brian Oakey** ISD, answered questions regarding **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.02.14:**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.02.14. Chairman Kauffman** stated he was in doubt regarding the voice vote and called for a roll call vote on the motion. **Motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE, 9 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Kauffman, Marshall, Toone and Ruchti. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Andrus, Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger. Rep. Mathias was absent/excused.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.03.03:** **Brian Oakey** IDS, was available to answer questions regarding **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.03.03.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.03.03. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary