

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 16, 2020

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Kiska, Toone, Abernathy, McCrostie

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Troy, Nichols, and Giddings

GUESTS: Naomi-LeGere-Gordon, ISGHB; Kimberly Royer, ISGHB; Jeremy Brown, IBOVM; Brent Olstead, CALS; Misty Lawrence, DFF; Roger Batt, IEOSA, IMGA, IHC; Marv Patten, MPI

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 46-0101-1900F: **Jeremy Brown**, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine, stated the agency reviewed the rules and eliminated many items that were redundant, outdated, or unnecessary. He said the board met four additional times this past summer and fall to accomplish the goals of the Red Tape Reduction Act. He said they were able to reduce the rules by nine pages making the rules more efficient and easier for Idahoans to use.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Brown** said there are approximately 930 veterinaries in the state. He stated there is a shortage of both veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 46-0101-1900F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 46-0101-1902: **Jeremy Brown**, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine, explained the board is requesting an increase in fees to maintain a positive cash position. He said the increase is necessary to maintain the ability, efficiency and effectiveness in licensing veterinarian professionals and to protect public and animal safety in Idaho. He noted with more personal information stored electronically, it is paramount they protect the licensees information from cyber threats. He said they feel the increase is necessary to maintain the mission of the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Brown** said negotiated rule making was conducted with support for the fee increase.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 46-0101-1902. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0801-1900F: **Naomi LeGere-Gordon**, Executive Secretary, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, explained there was no increase in fees. She said they were able to remove 16 restrictions in compliance with the Red Tape Reduction Act. She noted the changes were to increase ease of reading and to give greater clarity.

MOTION: **Rep. Kiska** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0801-1900F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary