

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 30, 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:** None
GUESTS: Meegan Sheppard, Office of the Governor; Wyatt Prescott, ICA; J W Wood, ICA

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Jason Fellows, State Young Farmers and Ranchers Chairman explained the program is for young farmers and ranchers between the ages of 18 to 35. He said the program is to help build leaders who excel in agriculture and are advocates for agriculture in the future. He explained the program stresses personal growth, leadership development, advocacy and networking. He said it is helpful for the young producers to rub shoulders with others who are going through the same struggles.

In response to a committee question, **Jason Fellows** said the benefit of being involved in the program is to achieve personal growth, leadership skills, advocacy, and networking with other young farmers and ranchers.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Fellows** said obtaining land is definitely a challenge for young farmers and ranchers starting out, as it is a valuable and limited commodity. He stressed the importance of networking with others to find ways to do more with less land.

In response to a committee question, **Paige Nelson**, Ribgy, stated there is a problem with retaining large animal veterinarians especially in smaller remote areas. She said many veterinarians prefer to work on smaller animals.

H 356: **Rep. Raymond** explained since 2000, it has been required for beef cattle feeding operations to submit a nutrient management plan to the Idaho State Department of Agriculture for approval. He explained there are many avenues to do this, including a third party planner. He explained recently the Idaho Department of Agriculture has updated it's electronic server and software system allowing nutrient management plans to be completed on line and automatically entered into the department's data base as an alternative means of completing the plan.

In a response to a committee question, **Rep. Raymond** said, under statute the State Department of Agriculture is obligated to protect the plan as private information.

Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattle Association stated they are **in support** of this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Marshall** made a motion to send **H 356** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

RS 27433C1: **Rep. Raybould**, stated this proposed legislation provides general housekeeping updates for the Idaho Potato Commission (IPC) by establishing commissioners who serve at the pleasure of the governor, to provide anti-trust protection for the promotion and marketing activities of the IPC, and moving district boundaries for grower commissioners to better reflect production areas in the state, including the creation of an at-large grower commissioner in eastern Idaho. She explained this purposed legislation would change the appointment start date from September 15 to September 1, to better align with the calendar year. She said it will update the definition of "shipper" to include the role of vertically integrated growers with shipping operations and clarifies "grower," "shipper", and "processor" definitions shall only be used for determining qualifications for the IPC. She stated it will add a referendum process requiring support from at least six commissioners, including, growers, shippers and processors.

In response to a committee question **Rep. Raybould** explained every district is accounted for with one country per district. She explained potential overlap in the larger District One, which has two subdistricts.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to introduce **RS 27433C1. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary