

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2012
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW20
MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representative(s) Lake, Stevenson, Trail, Bolz, Shirley, Patrick, McMillan, Batt, Pence, Lacey
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Stevenson
GUESTS: Kevin Merritt, ISDA; Brent Olmstead, MPIIdaho; Carol Youtz, Karen Ewing, Board of Veterinary Medicine; Brian Oakey, John Bilderback, Wyatt Prescott, Marv Patten, Katie Mink, Michael Cooper, ISDA.

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

Chairman Andrus gave a review of Committee issues from leadership saying the secretary will continue with a silent roll call. Also, the Chairman will inform members when the press are allowed to stand behind committee members for the purpose of taking pictures of presenters.

Chairman Andrus welcomed Nathan Whitley, this Committee's intern for the Session, he is a student at Boise State University and is also the intern for the Resources Committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 10, 2012 as written. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Trail** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee for Thursday, January 12, 2012. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** made a motion to approve the minutes of the Crops Subcommittee on Rules for Thursday, January 12, 2012. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 20764: **Kevin Merritt**, Section Manager, Department of Agriculture, said this proposed legislation amends the Weights and Measures, Licensing of Weighmasters Law. He said the intent is to allow the weighmaster license fees to be deposited into the weights and measures dedicated fund instead of the General Fund. He said the annual weighmaster license fee is an exception and needs to be brought in line with existing license programs to cover the cost of administering and enforcing the Weighmasters License Act.

MOTION: **Rep. Trail** made a motion to introduce **RS 20764**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 20768: **Karen Ewing**, Board of Veterinary Medicine, said they are a one hundred percent dedicated fund agency. She said this purposed legislation removes the refund to a new applicant who withdraws their application before the board review. She said when an applicant informs the Board they do not want to be issued a license, the Board has already put time and money into processing the application. Ms. Ewing said this doesn't happen very often and the only fee not refunded is the original license application fee.

In response to Committee questions, **Ms. Ewing** said there would be notice given to the applicant that the fee would not be refunded and notation would also be added to their website home page and on the page where applicants download the application. Ms. Ewing also explained the amounts for the application and licensing fees and the amounts that would or would not be refunded. She said they process 50 to 75 applications per year, which takes at least 10 hours of processing time per application, also they only have an applicant withdraw once or twice a year. In continued response to Committee questions, Ms. Ewing explained the process when an applicant is denied a license and if an applicant is denied the fee would be refunded to the applicant.

MOTION: **Rep. Bolz** made a motion to introduce **RS 20768. Motion carried by voice vote.**

There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chairman

Susan Werlinger
Secretary