

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
BELL SUBCOMMITTEE
Rules/Administration

DATE: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

TIME: Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Bell, Representatives (2) Romrell, Erpelding

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Stacie Ybarra, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA); Johanna Phillips, ISDA; Laura Johnson, ISDA; Kevin Merritt, ISDA; Cindy Stark, ISDA; David Ogden, ISDA; Desiree Trueba, ISDA Intern; Jodie Ellis, Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine Administration; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau.

Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 02-0105-1401: **Laura Johnson**, Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Agriculture, Marketing Development Division, presented **Docket No. 02-0105-1401**. The changes to the docket are intended to make corporate practices more consumer friendly.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0105-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0214-1401: **Stacie Ybarra**, Program Specialist, Idaho Department of Agriculture's Weights and Measures Program, presented **Docket No. 02-0214-1401**. The changes are an annual housekeeping item done to promote uniformity.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0214-1402: **Stacie Ybarra** presented **Docket No. 02-0214-1402**. The purpose of the rule change is to simplify labeling at the gas pump and conform with federal regulation.

MOTION: **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1402**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0214-1403: **Stacie Ybarra** presented **Docket No. 02-0214-1403**. The rule changes affect businesses adding devices such as gas pumps and grocery store scales during the licensing period. In answer to questions, Ms. Ybarra stated the reasons for the change are (1.) To bring the device licensing program in-line with other license programs within the department. (2.) The procedures needed to prorate a device are more costly than normal licensing and add cost to the overall program. (3.) It is more equitable to all competitors when everyone pays the same license fee.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0214-1403**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0633-1401: **Johanna Phillips**, Organic Program Manager, Idaho Department of Agriculture, presented **Docket No. 02-0633-1401**. Ms. Phillips stated this rule will repeal the registration requirement for operations with less than \$5,000 in gross organic sales, other certifying agents operating in Idaho, as well as the associated \$50 annual registration fee for those entities. There would be no impact on general fund revenue. The change would result in an approximate \$1,200 reduction in annual revenue to the Organic Food Program dedicated fund.

MOTION: Rep. Romrell made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0633-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 46-0101-1401: Jodie Ellis, Executive Director, Idaho board of Veterinary Medicine presented **Docket No. 46-0101-1401.** The rule changes affect the certification process for veterinary technicians.

MOTION: Rep. Romrell made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 46-0101-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Representative Bell
Chair

Joyce McKenzie
Secretary