

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 26, 2016

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

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Boyle, Representatives McMillan, Batt, Bell, Dayley, Miller, Romrell, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Pence, Erpelding

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Linda Lemon, Idaho Aquaculture Commission; Doug Boze, Idaho Crop Improvement Association; Jodie Ellis, Idaho Board of Veterinary Medicine; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Dennis Stevenson, Rules Coordinator; Sean Ellis, Capitol Press; Kent E. Nelson, University of Idaho.

**Chairman Andrus** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, January 14, 2016 and Wednesday, January 20, 2016. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
46-0101-1501:** **Jodie Ellis**, Executive Director, Veterinary Medicine, stated the current system for reporting and processing continuing education credits for veterinarians and veterinary technicians is time consuming and requires unnecessary handling by both the Board and Licensees. The proposed rulemaking will simplify the reporting and processing of continued education credits. Licensees and certificate holders will retain documentation for a specified period and a random auditing system will be implemented to monitor compliance with continuing education obligations.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 46-0101-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
08-0501-1501:** **Ken Nelson**, General Council for the University of Idaho, explained during the 2014 calendar year the University of Idaho and the Board took action to address compliance within statutory requirements related to certification of seeds, tubers, plants and plant parts in the State of Idaho. The existing published standards were created through the Idaho Crop Improvement Association's (ICIA) established process involving the ICIA Board working in conjunction with committees for the various seed crops composed of individuals representing the seed growers and processors, to create and then continuously update the standards. In 2014, the ICIA standards were incorporated into Board rule as they were published by the ICIA in 2014. This action brought the standards into compliance with Idaho Code. Following the incorporation of the standards into Administrative Rule in 2014, the ICIA reviewed its published standards and determined that a significant portion of the materials incorporated by reference into the rule fall outside of the standards and are more accurately defined as processes. These revisions make the standards more concise and easier to read. Additional changes incorporate testing requirements necessary to re-open a 5,000 metric ton market in South Korea.

In response to committee question **Ken Nelson** explained newly emerging crops can be proposed for certification but not all seeds are certified.

**Douglas Boze**, Idaho Crop Improvement Association, in response to committee question explained the process in which interested parties involved in the changes were notified.

**Dennis Stevenson**, Rules Coordinator, answered in response to a committee question, if there were changes made to **Docket No. 08-0501-1501**, in the future, it would come back before the Agriculture Committee.

**Rep. Batt** declared Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but that she would be voting on the motion.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 08-0501-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 23999:** **Jodie Ellis**, Executive Director, Veterinary Medicine, stated the Board of Veterinary Medicine statutes authorize the creation of a certified euthanasia task force (abbreviated as CETF) to conduct training, examine certifying and inspection of animal euthanasia agencies and euthanasia technicians. The CETF has been operating for many years. However, both the CETF members and the Board believe the continued use of the term "Task Force" is no longer appropriate for this ongoing entity and wish to change the name to "Committee on Humane Euthanasia" to more accurately describe its functions and purpose. The name change will necessitate two minor amendments to statutes, followed by corresponding amendments to Board rule.

The committee had a question regarding a possible misprint of the code in **RS 23999**.

**Chairman Andrus** put the Committee at ease at 2:10 p.m.

**Chairman Andrus** called the meeting back to order at 2:13 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Batt** made a motion to return **RS 23999** to the sponsor. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 24000:** **Jodie Ellis**, Executive Director, Veterinary Medicine, explained the Board of Veterinary Medicine currently has statutory authority to revoke, suspend, fine or otherwise impose formal discipline against a license or certificate and authority to, in lieu of formal discipline, offer a non-disciplinary option for certain record-keeping or continuing education violations. The proposed legislation seeks to broaden the circumstances in which the non-disciplinary alternative is available to include all situations where Board statutes or rules have been violated, but where the Board's Liaison Officer has determined that public safety will not be compromised and a better or more appropriate resolution can be achieved through use of a non-disciplinary option. The proposed legislation will clarify when an alternative to discipline is not available, as well as authorize the Board to recover its costs and expenses incurred in investigating the violations.

In response to committee question, **Jodie Ellis**, gave an example of when this type discipline would not be appropriate.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Romrell** made a motion to introduce **RS 24000**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** After clarification **Rep. Batt** made a motion to reconsider **RS 23999**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Batt** made a motion to introduce **RS 23999**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 24170:** **Rep. Pence** stated the purpose of this proposed legislation is to repeal the Aquaculture Commission, and amend sections of Idaho Code referencing the commission. It also provided for the transfer of any remaining funds after July 1, 2016 to the Department of Agriculture.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 24170**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Andrus** recognized **Doug Jones**, former Agriculture Committee Chairman and welcomed him to the Committee meeting.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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Representative Andrus  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary