

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 08, 2018

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

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Dayley, Representatives Bell, Miller, VanOrden, Burtenshaw, Kerby, Troy, Stevenson, Amador, Armstrong, Hanks, Zito, Erpelding, Toone

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Bell, VanOrden

**GUESTS:** Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Wyatt Prescott, ICA; Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau; Kelly Olsen, Idaho Barley Commission; Brenna Christison, Idaho Wine Commission; Moya Dolsby, Idaho Wine Commission; Jim Nunley, Sportsman; Patrick Guzzle, Health and Welfare; Elizabeth Criner, Food Northwest; Brandy Kay, IWGA; Marv Patton, MPI; Suzanne Budge, SBS Assoc LLC; Brian Brooks, Idaho Wildlife Federation

**Chairman Boyle** called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2018, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26053:** **Elizabeth Criner**, Food Northwest, stated for the human food manufactures, the primary oversight for food safety and inspections falls within the jurisdiction of the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), under the authority of the Food Safety and Modernization Act (FSMA). She said the FDA contracts a number of these inspections out to the State of Idaho and currently they are contracted with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. She said this legislation would transition that responsibility over to the Idaho Department of Agriculture by fiscal year 2020. In addition, she said FSMA requires food safety inspections in some instances for production agriculture under the auspice of the federal produce safety rule. This legislation authorizes the ISDA to administer and enforce the produce safety rule over the Department of Agriculture, not to exceed the standards required by federal law.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Criner** said the amount requested from the general fund is a cushion in case their expenses are not covered by user fees.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 26053**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**Chairman Boyle** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Dayley**.

**RS 26114:** **Rep. Boyle** said this proposed legislation changes how we deal with trespassing on private property. When the eclipse happened this past year, she said a lot of issues became apparent. She stated because property rights are the corner stone of America, making us different from most of the world, it is necessary that we should protect them. She said this proposed legislation will help modernize the law, making it more consistent, eliminate duplication, and modify penalties. She explained it will also require a permission slip for both parties when given access to private lands by the owner as a protection to both parties. She said several states are already doing a permission slip.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Boyle** said land owners will only have to mark entrances, streams and other access points. She said this puts the responsibility on the people to know where they are at all times rather than relying on land markers.

In response to a committee question regard the possible penalty of a felony conviction, **Rep. Boyle** said it is reserved for those who willfully and repeatedly violate private property rights.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to introduce **RS 26114. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 26124:** **Rep. Boyle** said about four years ago the state was having a lot of problems with wolf depredation so the sportsman, the live stock owners and the state all came together and each put up money for a solution. She stated in the USDA is a department called Wild Life Services that deals with predators. She explained they suffered a huge loss in funding, so in order to keep them going and solvent, it was decided the livestock owners, wool growers and sportsman would contribute to their fund in addition to **Governor Otter** authorizing the state to contributed \$400,000 for five years. **Rep. Boyle** said the problem is the sunset date does not fall in the budget cycle to fund it properly. The date should have been 2020 rather than 2019. This proposed legislation is to extend the date to 2020 to keep the 5 year promise.

In response to a committee question, **Rep. Boyle** explained wolves are no longer on the endangered species list therefore no longer under federal control. The State put a sunset date on the fund so it could be re-evaluated.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to introduce **RS 26124. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Dayley** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Boyle**.

**Moya Dolsby**, Executive Director Idaho Wine Commission, explained the Idaho Wine Commission acts as the united voice of the Idaho wine industry and to help grow awareness and sales of Idaho wines. She said the Idaho Wine Industry grew from 73 million dollar impact in 2008 to 169.3 million dollar impact in 2013. During that same time period they were able to increase full time jobs in the industry from 625 to 1,226 as well as increase the number of wineries from 38 to 51. She stated they have a 9.8% share of the wine market in Idaho and through education and marketing, hope to increase their share to 15% by 2022.

In response to a committee questions, **Ms. Dolsby** said smoke tainted grapes is a real problem for much of the California harvest because of the fires there last year.

**Kelly Olsen**, Idaho Barley Commission (IBC), stated Idaho is the largest barley producer in the U.S. She said production was down this year 22% but because the industry was coming off a two year bumper crop, it has not been a problem as things were able to balance out. She said beer consumption is down for the 5th year in a row but imported beer continues to grow. She explained this is due mostly to the drinking habits of Millennials. She reported Japan is a big customer for Idaho Barley and explained how they use it in their diet as a healthy source of fiber. **Ms. Olsen** said Barley helps with weigh control because it digests slowly keeping blood glucose levels even. She spoke of ways they are partnering to launch other food products.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Olsen** said much of the research being done is in part due to the hire of **Christopher Rogers**. One of the projects he is working on is looking at better ways to measure nitrogen in the soil as it is the number one cost in growing Barley.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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Representative Boyle  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary