

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 08, 2018

TIME: 1:30 pm or UPON ADJOURNMENT

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:** Representatives Bell, Troy and Armstrong

GUESTS: Richard Durrant, SIF; Dustin Miller, OSC; Joshua Uriarte, OSC
Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

S 1207aa: **Sen. Rice**, District 10, explained this legislation adds a requirement, the review of net worth, be included in the licensing of seed buyers. The bill also clarifies the criteria under which the licensee will be approved or renewal denied.
In response to a committee question, **Sen. Rice** clarified it is the seed producers who pay into the seed indemnity fund.

MOTION: **Rep. Dayley** made a motion to send **S 1207aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.
Richard Durrant, Chairman of the Seed Indemnity Fund, stated after the requested changes were made, they now stand **in support** of **S 1207aa**.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Boyle** called for a vote on the motion to send **S 1207aa** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Dayley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
Dustin Miller, Administrator, Governor's Office of Species Conservation, said in May of 2015, the state agencies charged with implementing the Governor's Strategy, established the Sage Grouse Action Team along with federal agency partners from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Resources and Conservation Service and later the Forest Service. He said the teams work to plan, prioritize and fund actions in accordance with the Governor's Strategy. He said invasive species and wildfire continue to be the primary threats impacting sage grouse and their habitat. He stated there is typically on BLM lands in southern Idaho over 300,000 acres burned each summer. He said there are currently 9 Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPA) with 330 members, protecting over 9 million acres. He stated improper grazing is a secondary threat and on BLM lands, Idaho Standards for Rangeland Health must be met or progress made towards meeting those standards. He said the state has been successful in leveraging more than \$2.00 for every single general fund dollar spent in FY17.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary