

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RAYMOND SUBCOMMITTEE
Animals

DATE: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

TIME: 3:30 P.M.

PLACE: EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Raymond, Representatives Stevenson, Andrus, Goesling, Nichols, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representatives Stevenson and Goesling

GUESTS: Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattle Association; Brandy Kay, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board; Cody Burlile, Idaho State Brand Board; TK. Kuwahara, Idaho Beef Council; Brad Hunt, O.A.R.C.

Chairman Raymond called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

DOCKET NO. 02-0801-1801: **Brandy Kay**, Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, presented changes to goat assessment rules. The rule clarifies when and how the goat assessment should be assessed and turned into the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board.

In response to committee members questions, **Brandy Kay** indicated double charging is not a conflict for the sale of goats since they are not followed or tracked and are being sold in our state.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 02-0801-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 11-0201-1801: **Cody Burlile**, Director, Idaho State Brand Board, and State Brand Inspector presented increases to brand inspection fees. He noted the fee increase is expected to generate an estimated \$473,000 annually to the Idaho Brand Board from the Idaho livestock industry. This is the first cattle brand inspection fee increase since Fiscal Year 2006. The Brand Board adopted a Temporary Rule increasing the fees to make up for a budget shortfall dating back to Fiscal Year 2016. The shortfall is largely due to increased personnel costs; health care and benefit costs; and increased equipment costs.

In response to committee member questions, **Cody Burlile**, indicated the Temporary Rule increasing the fees to make up for the shortfall has helped since it has been in place for a year, but other cost-saving measures have been in place also. Those measures included, but were not limited to leaving positions vacant and not purchasing vehicles. There was a \$290,000 profit this year. If the cost-saving measures were not implemented, the budget would have been near the break-even point.

Wyatt Prescott, Idaho Cattle Association registered lobbyist, was in full support of the brand fee rule **Docket No. 11-0201-1801**. He stated the Brand Department is an essential service for the State's cattle industry; safeguarding our assets; and being able to conduct business and commerce in the State of Idaho.

In response to committee member questions regarding if the fee increase will be sufficient, **Wyatt Prescott**, did not feel the fee increases will be enough to sustain for many years into the future.

Cody Burlile responded to **Chairman Raymond's** question regarding how the state-of-the-art Harvest Facility in Ada County has effected the budget. It has caused an increase in budget with the addition of one full-time staff position. Chairman Raymond indicated the Harvest Facility is a boon for the economy of the State due to the many employment opportunities it has provided.

MOTION: **Rep. Toone** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 11-0201-1801. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Representative Raymond
Chair

Shellie Coates
Secretary