

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 22, 2019

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Dayley, Kerby, Stevenson (Lohman), Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Erpelding, Toone, Abernathy

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Murphy Olmstead, Wittmeyer Association/Darigold; Marv Patten, Milk Producers of Idaho; Brad Carlson, Capital Press; Jane Wittmeyer, Ag; Elizabeth Criner, Food Northwest.

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

MOTION: **Rep. Abernathy** made a motion to approve the minutes from January 14th and January 16th, 2019 as written. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Boyle reminded the committee that the deadline to introduce new RS's was February 8th, 2019. She also reminded the committee of the NWACC/FFA Cenarrusa Day Legislative Luncheon and directed them to bring RSVP's to the committee's substitute secretary.

Brent Olmstead, representing the University of Idaho, invited the committee to a brief presentation on the CAEF project to be located in the Magic Valley. He explained it was a dairy centric research facility and the goal is to address issues relating to waste management, resource utilization, livestock and plant health.

RS 26531: **Elizabeth Criner**, Food Northwest, explained **RS 26531** extends the deadline on existing legislation passed last year. She stated the extension was needed due to a delay on the part of the Food and Drug Administration in providing needed data for a smooth transition.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS# 26531**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Zito** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

Rob Sepich, LSO Agriculture Budget Analyst, presented the Department of Agriculture budget to the committee. He explained the histories, summaries, and data included in the budget. He also explained that some of the numbers in different sections of the budget information would be different for the same items as certain sections reflected actual funds used, versus sections that show total funds allocated to a particular item, as well as reversions affecting various budget calculations.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Sepich** stated he would provide more information at a later date.

Chairman Boyle reminded the committee that, if needed, they could ask the Department of Agriculture to come in and explain certain budget items with more detail on the how's and why's.

Paul Headlee, Budget & Policy Division Manager, explained the legislative budget to the committee and the budget model Idaho uses.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Amie "Ivi" Taylor
Secretary