

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2021
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone (Metzler-Fitsgerald), Ruchti, Mathias
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Nichols
GUESTS: Patrick J. Kole, Idaho Potato Commission; Nicki Chopski, IDOPL; Tim Frost, IDOPL; Jeremy Brown, BOVM; Frank Muir, Idaho Potato Commission

Chairman Kauffman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Frank Muir, Idaho Potato Commission CEO, stated the Idaho Potato Commission's mission statement is to lead, promote and protect in contributing to the economic welfare of the State of Idaho, it's potato growers and other potato related business. Mr. Muir described the early challenges the pandemic caused with the supply chain of potatoes and gave examples of innovations which enabled the commission to meet customer needs while maximizing potato sales. He said retail fresh potato dollar sales are up 72% and are continuing to surge.

Robb Sepich, Senior Budget and Policy Analyst, described the 8 budget programs under the Department of Agriculture, comparing last years appropriated budget to the actual end of the year spending and detailing the amounts requested this year with the Governor's recommendations.

RS 28141: **Tim Frost**, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, presented **RS 28141** stating this bill updates and modernizes the Veterinary Practice Act language. He said it deletes an unused definition, provides clarification for Board member's term limits, and removes a statute of limitations for filing complaints. This bill removes the requirements of certain documentation streamlining the application process and implements endorsement licensing for out-of-state veterinarians. He explained additional changes include eliminating the January and June licensing dates for initiating a process that licenses applicants as soon as they have completed their applications which changes the January and June licensing dates in favor of immediate licensure allowing the Board to eliminate temporary licenses.

MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 28141. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 24-3801-2000F: **Tim Frost**, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, stated the Board of Veterinary Medicine has the primary responsibility of licensure and regulation of Veterinarians, Certified Veterinary Technicians, Certified Euthanasia Technician, and Certified Euthanasia Agency (animal shelter, humane society shelter). He said there is one rule chapter in this omnibus action and it is an existing rule that has been previously reviewed by the legislature. He explained their approach to the omnibus was in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act from **Governor Little**. During the summer of 2019, they specifically reviewed their rules to identify and eliminate rules that were obsolete, outdated, or unnecessary. He said they continued the review in 2020 before adopting these omnibus rules and they are proud of the red tape reduction they were able to accomplish over the previous two rule cycles. He stated overall, the rules are easier for Idaho citizens to navigate and noted

the Board did not make any rule changes to this Omnibus 2020 pending fee rule chapter before the committee today.

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3801-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Representative Kauffman
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary