

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 04, 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, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** None

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 28371:** **Bob Naerebout**, Idaho Dairyman's Association, proposed legislation requires the ISDA to consider and balance best available science in rule-making with economic feasibility and impact of potential rules. The intent is to ensure that imposition of new rules dictated by scientific possibilities are balanced against economic reality such that regulatory burdens are financially attainable by farms and ranches.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 28371**.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Naerebout** clarified the decisions determining the balance of economic feasibility and science will be determined through the rule making process.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **Chairman Kauffman** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 28371**.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 42-0101-2000F:** **Casey Chumrau**, Executive Director of Idaho Wheat Commission, said the fee rules do not impose a fee or charge, or increase a fee or charge, beyond what was previously submitted to and reviewed by the Legislature in the prior rules.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 42-0101-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Casey Chumrau**, Executive Director, stated the Idaho Wheat Commission's mission statement is to maximize profitability for Idaho Wheat Producers by investing funds in market development, research and information and education. She explained a 3.5 cent assessment is levied on every bushel of wheat at the first point of sale. In explaining the budget, she said 38% is used for research, 31% for grower education and communication, 27% for market development and 4% for office operations and capitol outlay. She said since 1983 the IWC (Idaho Wheat Commission) has contributed \$13,622,713 to the University of Idaho in support of agriculture research and education. She said even during the Covid pandemic, research continued as well as market development. They continue to be optimistic for in-person events in the near future even though some programs have been postponed for now. She stated Idaho is the only state in the US that grows 5 out of the 6 classes of wheat explaining Idaho produces 50% of the country's hard white wheat. This year Idaho set record yields in all wheat production but especially in winter wheat. She said the price per bushel of wheat is the highest it has been since 2014.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Chumrau** said the research money is not only given to the University of Idaho but it also goes to the USDA, Oregon State and Utah State to name a few.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary