

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 20, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, McCann, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative Boyle

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

**RS 29014C1:** **Chanel Tewart**, Deputy Director, Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture (ISDA), presented **RS 29014C1**. ISDA proposed legislation to repeal tonnage fees for fertilizer and soil and plant amendment program, and to eliminate the rule which governs artificial production of rainfall. This legislation would create a more streamlined framework for fertilizer, soil and plant amendment registration. Currently, the process which requires customers to pay a registration fee and separate fees for tonnage is cumbersome and takes considerable time for ISDA staff to review. This legislation would eliminate the process of paying by tonnage and simplify the fee structure.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 29014C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
60-0501-2100:** **Delwyne Trefz**, Administrator, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, presented **Docket No. 60-0501-2100**, a rule setting procedure and requirement for establishing, implementing, and administering a loan from the RCRDP fund, and providing for the allocation of state funds appropriated for distribution to conservation districts. No changes were made to the existing rule text. With advice from the Deputy Attorney General, it was determined to present the rule as a non-fee, rather than a fee rule. The fees associated with the rule were never collected by ISWCC and never used as funds for agency operational costs. Costs associated with loan closure, title insurance, and recording fees are borne by the loan applicant and none of these funds ever supported the program functions provided by the agency. The change from a fee to a non-fee rule is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on the state General Fund.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 60-0501-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary