

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2023

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash (Coberly), Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

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

Chairman Andrus turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Raymond**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0202-2201: **Jared Stewart**, Administrator of Agricultural Inspections, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), presented **Docket No. 02-0202-2201**, rules governing apple grading and storage. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service began as a request from industry to determine quality grades for buyers and sellers, and a way to provide customer service inspections for the Export Apple Act and Marketing Orders for other commodities. Standards describe the requirements for each grade of a commodity. Eleven different commodities are certified for over 10 billion pounds of produce each year. Commodities are inspected for the requested quality and condition, using official grade standards developed by USDA and ISDA.

In response to committee questions, **Lloyd Knight**, Rules Review Officer for the ISDA, said the incorporation by reference updates are made frequently to keep them current. If there is a small change, it goes back through the process.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0202-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0633-2201: **Jared Stewart**, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0633-2201**, and explained this rule is being resubmitted in the 2023 Legislative Session as pending to correct a typo made in the 2022 Legislative Session publication. Changes and fees are supported by the Organic Advisory Organization, 2021.

In response to committee questions, **Chanel Tewalt**, Deputy Director, ISDA, explained fees haven't been raised for 20 years, and this increase was approved in 2022.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0633-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gallagher** requested to be recorded as voting **Nay**.

DOCKET NO. 02-0602-2201: **Andrea Thompson**, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0602-2201** regarding registration and licenses specific to general commercial feed, fertilizer, soil and plant amendment product registration and label requirements. The rules prevent the introduction or further dissemination of certain bee diseases and establish registration and collection of fees.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0602-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0605-2201: **Andrea Thompson**, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0605-2201**, rules governing plant disease and quarantines. These quarantines provide for two primary services; First, the quarantines are in place to protect from the spread of pests and disease that can be harmful to the production of certain crops. Second, quarantine activities can be necessary to provide verification of disease or pest activities in order for Idaho grown crops to be eligible for export. There are no changes to the pending rule, and it is being adopted as originally proposed.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0605-2201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Raymond turned the gavel over to **Chairman Andrus**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Representative Raymond
Vice Chairman

Jayne Feik
Secretary