

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 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, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Cannon

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 1:31 p.m.

H 94: **Rep. Pickett** presented **H 94** amending language defining when the individual notice to a landowner to control and eradicate noxious weeds is deemed satisfied and served. This clarification would prevent absentee landowners from arguing they were not present to receive service, and clarification would prevent landowners from evading service.

Those speaking **in support** of **H 94** were **Michael Ottley**, Elba, Cassia County Noxious Weed; **Patxi Larrocea-Phillips**, Idaho Noxious Weed Control; **Braden Jensen**, Idaho Farm Bureau; some landowners choose not to receive letters and do not pick them up from the post office; one landowner sued the county; one said the postal service worker signed for the letter. Mr. Ottley explained he is not required to go to each landowner and notify them of the noxious weed notification.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to send **H 94** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **H 94** to the floor without recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was requested. **Motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE, 11 NAY, 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. McCann, Garner. Voting in opposition to the motion: Rep.(s) Andrus, Raymond, Boyle, Ehlers, Gallagher, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts. Rep. Cannon was absent/excused.**

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: **Chairman Andrus** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 94** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Pickett** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 95: **Rep. Nelsen** presented **H 95**, legislation regarding animal remedies for pets, specialty pets, and equines that include ingredients from industrial hemp. This would not legalize industrial hemp ingredients being included in production animal feeds.

Those speaking **in support** of **H 95** were **Pam Eaton**, President, Idaho Retail Association; **Braden Jensen**, Idaho Farm Bureau; many store owners would like to carry this product because of customer request.

MOTION: **Rep. Garner** made a motion to send **H 95** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Garner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Rick Naerebout Idaho Dairymen's Association (IDS), said the IDA Board is producer-governed through the Board of Directors, elected by members, and the Board representation is driven by the number of farms in the Treasure Valley, Magic Valley, and Eastern Idaho. There are 376 dairies and 675,222 cows in this area. In terms of milk production, Idaho ranks third in the United States. Idaho dairy brought Idaho \$10.7 billion in total sales in 2022. The dairy industry represents 35% of the agricultural sector in Idaho, and 33,000 jobs. Idaho loses twenty five dairy farmers per year. Mr. Naerebout stated 89% of on-dairy jobs are filled by foreign-born labor. Without those jobs, none of the other dairy related jobs would exist.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary