

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

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, Achilles, Roberts

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Nelsen

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.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2024. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 549: **Rep. Durrant** introduced **H 549**, which aims to separate chemigation from federal licensing requirements, allowing Idaho to develop its own licensing framework in partnership with farmers and applicators.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to send **H 549** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Durrant** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Roger Batt, Legislative Educator, emphasized the Idaho Wine Commission (IWC) is dedicated to serving as the collective voice for marketing, promoting, and advocating for all of Idaho's wine growers and winemakers. The vision is to maintain a flourishing wine industry renowned for its devoted producers, passionate consumers, and distinctive wines.

Moya Dolsby, Executive Director, IWC, remarked the Idaho Wine Commission plays a pivotal role in championing high-quality wines that are an integral component of Idaho's economy, contributing to its growth and development as the industry continues to expand and flourish.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary