

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 14, 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, Roberts, Achilles

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Roberts

**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.

**Vice Chairman Raymond** called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

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

**H 712:** **Rep. Andrus** presented **H 712**, legislation to introduce measures aimed at tackling the issue of stray livestock and mitigating the disturbances they may cause. By implementing these provisions, the legislation aims to enhance practices in animal husbandry and foster better relationships among neighbors.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nelsen** made a motion to send **H 712** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Dexton Lake**, Idaho Farm Bureau, **Paxti Larrocea-Phillips**, Idaho Cattle Association, and **Sheriff Goetz** spoke in support of **H 712**.

In response to committee questions, **Mr. Larrocea-Phillips** explained the fence law and the responsibility to maintain fences in the Idaho: Individuals situated on private property adjoining a federal or state fence are obligated to uphold the fence's maintenance. Should animals from a federal allotment or under a federal permit cross onto the adjacent private land, while the producer may receive notification, the responsibility to ensure the fence's upkeep lies with the private property owner. This regulation is outlined in Title 35, Chapter 102.

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

**T.K. Kuwahara**, Idaho Beef Council, explained cattle preserve Idaho by turning inedible plants into high-quality beef and keep our views vast and open.

**Dr. Erin Brooks** introduced Idaho's \$55 million Innovative Agriculture and Marketing Partnership. It promotes sustainable practices for key commodities, emphasizing MMRV methods, expanding markets, and highlighting carbon-related opportunities.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

---

Representative Andrus  
Chair

---

Jayne Feik  
Secretary