

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, February 10, 2025
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW42
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Miller, Beiswenger, Dygert, Leavitt, Mendive, Shirts, Mathias, Achilles
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Pickett
- 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. Achilles** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025, and February 6, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 32334:** **Rep. Raymond** presented **RS 32334**, stating this resolution honors **Paige Nelson** of Rigby, Idaho, for receiving the Idaho Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award and achieving third place in the American Farm Bureau Excellence in Agriculture program. We commend Mrs. Nelson's leadership in strengthening Idaho's agricultural impact.
- MOTION:** **Rep. McCann** made a motion to introduce **RS 32334**.
- SUBSTITUTE
MOTION:** **Rep. Dygert** made a substitute motion to introduce **RS 32334** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- H 106:** **Rep. Raymond** presented **H 106**, legislation designed to enhance the effective operation of county fairs, which play a crucial role in Idaho's agricultural communities. County fairs serve as vital economic drivers and cultural traditions, and this bill aims to ensure their stability and proper governance. By maintaining fair boards with their full authority, the legislation supports the continued growth of Idaho's agricultural economy and preserves the rich heritage of county fairs across the state.
- Speaking **in opposition** of **H 106** were **Linda Rider**, Idaho Farm Bureau (IFB), Kootenai County Fair Board, and **Sara Westbrook**, Idaho Association of Counties. They were of opinion the fair boards would petition to be a separate board.
- Braden Jensen** of IFB spoke **in support** for **H 106**, highlighting the IFB's appreciation for fair boards and their role in preserving history for the community.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to send **H 106** to the floor with a **DO Pass** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Leavitt** requested he be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Raymond** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

DOCKET NO. 24-3801-2501: **Katie Stuart**, Bureau Chief of Administration, Division of Occupational Licensing (DOPL), presented **Docket No. 24-3801-2501**, explaining this temporary rule requires DOPL to address cash balances outside the 35%-125% range of a five-year expenditure average. Amending this rule allows the Board to lower fees, reduce licensure costs, and address high cash reserves. The governor supports this change to ease entry for veterinarians, ensuring greater access to animal care in Idaho.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3801-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary