

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Cannon, McCann (Mosman), Ehlers, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Miller, Beiswenger, Dygert, Leavitt, Mendive, Shirts, Mathias, Achilles

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Raymond, Leavitt

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. Shirts** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 20, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1026: **Rep. Tanner** explained **S 1026** supports urban agriculture by allowing residential property owners to keep up to four chickens per 0.2 acres. The bill aims to promote local food production, safeguard property rights, and enhance food security in urban areas. However, it does not apply to multifamily units or properties already subject to agricultural zoning.

Speaking **in opposition** to **S 1026**, **William Schultz**, Kingsbridge HOA, **John Osmond**, **Scott Emerich**, HOA resident, **Noelle Rauschendorfer**, VF Law.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to **HOLD S 1026** subject to call of the chair.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Ehlers** made a substitute motion to send **S 1026** to General Orders.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Nelsen** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD S 1026** in committee.

Chairman Andrus put the committee at ease at 2:22 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Roll call vote was requested on **S 1026**. **Motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, and 7 NAY, 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. McCann (Mosman), Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Miller, Dygert, and Mendive. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Andrus, Cannon, Ehlers, Beiswenger, Shirts, Mathias, and Achilles. Reps. Raymond and Leavitt** were absent/excused.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Representative Andrus
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary