

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 26, 2026
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Raymond, Vice Chairman Shirts, Representatives Cannon, McCann, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Miller, Beiswenger, Dygert, Leavitt, Mendive, Hall (Stone), Healey, Mathias, Haws

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Rep. Haws, Dygert

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 Raymond called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

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

**DOCKET NO
02-0205-2501:** **Jared Stuart**, Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture (ISDA), Division Administrator, Agriculture Inspections Division, presented **Docket No. 02-0205-2501**, relating to inspection and grading requirements for Idaho stone fruit (prunes, plums, sweet cherries, and apricots). The proposed rule establishes state-specific grading and inspection standards for packed fruit used in marketing, including tolerances and defect scoring which differ slightly from USDA standards to better reflect Idaho growing conditions.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0205-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO
02-0207-2501:** **Jared Stuart** presented **Docket No. 02-0207-2501**, concerning permitting, inspection, grading, and sale of potatoes in Idaho. The rule governs bulk shipping permits, grading requirements for fresh and repack sales, shipment of processing potatoes under USDA Marketing Order 945, applicable permit fees, and compliance with Idaho Potato Commission and USDA standards.

MOTION: **Rep. Beiswenger** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0207-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO
02-0214-2501:** **Jared Stuart** presented **Docket No. 02-0214-2501**, relating to inspection and testing of commercial weighing, measuring, and dispensing devices in Idaho. The rule ensures the accuracy of weights, measures, and counts for commodities sold, protecting consumers by verifying they receive the correct amount or size of purchased items.

MOTION: **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0214-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO
02-0633-2501:** **Jared Stuart** presented **Docket No. 02-0633-2501**, relating to producers, vendors, and handlers of organic food products seeking voluntary certification through the ISDA. The rule establishes definitions and requirements for organic production, handling, labeling, certification, fees, and penalties for violations of organic laws and rules.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0633-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO 02-0303-2501: **Brian Slabaugh**, ISDA, Division Administrator, presented **Docket No. 02-0303-2501**, relating to pesticide applicators, handlers, dealers, and others involved in the distribution, use, storage, and disposal of pesticides. The rule establishes certification, training, licensing, and registration requirements; governs pesticide storage, handling, application, and chemigation equipment; and includes restrictions to protect pollinators.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0303-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Shirts turned the gavel back to **Chairman Raymond** at 2:02 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. MaCann** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Representative Shirts
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary