

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 02, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW05

MEMBERS: Chairman Raymond, Vice Chairman Shirts, Representatives Cannon, McCann, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Miller, Beiswenger, Dygert, Leavitt, Mendive, Hall, Healey, Mathias, Haws

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Cannon

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 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Haws** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 30, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

DOCKET NO. 02-0701-2501: **Lloyd Knight**, Deputy Director, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), presented **Docket No. 02-0701-2501**, concerning the Idaho Hops Commission. The rule was opened during the zero-based rulemaking process. Upon review, the Department and the Hops Commission determined the administrative rule language was duplicative of existing statute. Because the statute fully addresses the subject matter, the Hops Commission approved repeal of the rule. The pending rule before the committee is a repeal only, and no adoption is necessary.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0701-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0108-2401(T): **Lloyd Knight** presented **Docket No. 02-0108-2401(T)**, and stated he would present two related dockets addressing grizzly bear and wolf depredation compensation. The dockets were presented together because they address the same subject matter and were implemented out of sequence due to statutory changes. **H 592** (2024) required ISDA to establish a compensation and conflict-prevention program, resulting in adoption of a temporary rule to allow claims to be paid. **H 82** (2025) clarified statutory provisions, enabling negotiated rulemaking and updates to definitions, compensation, investigation procedures, and conflict-prevention measures. Approval of both the temporary and pending rules was requested to allow the temporary rule to remain in effect through June 30, 2026, with the pending rule effective July 1, 2026.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0108-2401(T)**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0108-2501: **Lloyd Knight** explained **Docket No. 02-0108-2501** was presented jointly with the previous docket and involves the same depredation compensation program.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0108-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0420-2501: **Dr. Scott Leibsle**, Administrator of Division of Animal Industries, State Veterinarian, ISDA, presented **Docket No. 02-0420-2501**, regarding Brucellosis. He summarized Idaho's Brucellosis program, including surveillance in the Designated Surveillance Area near Yellowstone National Park, and reported no herds are currently under quarantine. The program includes mandatory vaccination, live-animal testing, and slaughter surveillance. The proposed rule is a zero-based rewrite resulting from negotiated rulemaking, removing duplicative and obsolete provisions with no substantive changes to program requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0420-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0424-2501: **Dr. Scott Leibsle** presented **Docket No. 02-0424-2501** and provided an overview of Idaho's tuberculosis (TB) surveillance program, explaining TB is caused by *Mycobacterium bovis* and is transmitted through respiratory exposure and, in humans, through consumption of unpasteurized milk from infected cattle. He noted the proposed rule is a zero-based rulemaking rewrite. Negotiated rulemaking meetings were held in June and July with strong stakeholder participation. The revisions remove duplicative and outdated language and update statutory and federal references, with no changes to regulatory scope or program requirements.

MOTION: **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0424-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0426-2501: **Dr. Scott Leibsle** presented **Docket No. 02-0426-2501**, summarizing Idaho's eight public markets, two buying stations, and trader lots. Negotiated rulemaking meetings on June 30 and July 14 included market and buying station representatives, who approved minor changes. Updates require buying stations and trader lots to submit an annual permit renewal at no cost and allow public markets to submit a single daily electronic sales report instead of individual forms, reducing administrative burden. All other revisions are non-substantive clarifications.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0426-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Representative Shirts
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary