

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 04, 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, Healey, Mathias, Haws

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Beiswenger

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 February 2, 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

DOCKET NO. 02-0601-2501: **Andrea Thompson**, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), Administrator, Plant Industries Division, presented **Docket No. 02-0601-2501**, the Production and Distribution of Seed. The proposed rule updates Idaho seed regulations by aligning sampling, testing, licensing, and noxious weed standards with nationally and internationally recognized references, while removing redundant regulatory text through incorporation by reference. The rule also repeals Subchapters B (Rapeseed/Canola) and C (Bluegrass), which stakeholders agreed are obsolete and no longer necessary. These changes improve regulatory clarity, efficiency, and consistency with current industry practices.

MOTION: **Rep. McCann** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0601-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0602-2501: **Andrea Thompson** presented **Docket No. 02-0602-2501**, Registrations and Licenses. The Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) and the Association of American Plant Food Control Officials (AAPFCO) publish manuals incorporated by reference into Idaho State Department of Agriculture rules. These references are updated annually to reflect current publications and maintain consistency with national standards. Two updated publications are incorporated for the Commercial Feed, Commercial Fertilizer, and Soil and Plant Amendments subchapters, including refinements to definitions and technical standards required by state law and national coordination.

MOTION: **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0602-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0606-2501: **Andrea Thompson** presented **Docket No. 02-0606-2501**, the Planting of Beans. These rules are being presented for approval with amendments which were identified as necessary to address concerns brought to the agency by industry stakeholders regarding clarification needed around the seed imported to Idaho to be planted to produce edible beans. The amended language has been recommended and supported by industry. Negotiated rulemaking meetings were held on July 21 and July 28 with broad stakeholder participation.

MOTION: **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0606-2501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0609-2502: **Andrea Thompson** presented **Docket No. 02-0609-2502**, Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds. This rulemaking has two purposes: (1) to remove the prohibition on watercraft in the Quagga mussel treatment area of the Snake River from Hansen Bridge to Pillar Falls, and (2) to add Golden mussel to the EDRR Invasive Species list. Golden mussel is an aggressive aquatic bivalve recently found in California water delivery systems, where infestations have disrupted irrigation and municipal water supplies. Because it poses a greater risk of spread and establishment than quagga mussel in Idaho, adding Golden mussel to the EDRR list ensures adequate legal authority for prevention and response.

MOTION: **Rep. Dygert** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0609-2502**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0609-2503: **Andrea Thompson** explained **Docket No. 02-0609-2503** was presented jointly with the previous docket. This rule mirrors the temporary rule in **Docket No. 02-0609-2502**, which was immediately needed to protect public health and safety and reduce a regulatory burden. Should the pending rule be approved, it will become final and effective on July 1, 2026.

MOTION: **Rep. Miller** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0609-2503**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

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

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Representative Shirts
Chair

Jayne Feik
Secretary