

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

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Organizational Meeting

Did you know Idaho produces over 180 different  
Commodities?

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**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone (Burns), Ruchti, Mathias  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** None

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**Chairman Kauffman** welcomed returning and new members of the committee to the 2021 Legislative Session and asked the members to provide a brief history of their background. He encouraged members to actively participate in committee matters and make their voices heard. Chairman Kauffman recognized the committee page, **Kaity Reineke**, from Buhl, Idaho, who will be serving the committee for the first half of the session.

**Chairman Kauffman** reviewed the Rules Governing Committee including the list of motions to be used in committee and explained Rules Review would be done as a committee of the whole.

**Rep. Hanks** and **Rep. Mathias** were assigned by **Chairman Kauffman** to serve as the committee proof readers for this session.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Monday, January 18, 2021**

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<b>DOCKET</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000F</u></a>	Department of Agriculture (Page 5)	Brian Oakey, Deputy Director
<a href="#"><u>DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000FA</u></a>	Department of Agriculture (Page 23)	Brian Oakey, Deputy Director

Did you know an acre of canola can produce 175 gallons of biodiesel?

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**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** Brighton Critchfield  
**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000F:** **Brian Oakey**, Deputy Director, Dept. of Agriculture, spoke to omnibus **Docket No. 02-0000-2000F**, rules governing the Idaho Preferred® Promotion Program, Free Sale, and Organic Food Products. **Laura Johnson** and **Cindy Stark** were available for questions.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0000-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000FA:** **Brian Oakey** reviewed omnibus **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA**. The ISDA is proposing non-substantive changes be made in the Rules Governing Grade A Milk & Manufacture Grade Milk, the Rules Governing Poultry Operations, and Rules Governing Animal Industry. These changes do not alter the substantive nature of either of the three rules. Mr. Oakey turned the podium over to **Dr. Bill Barton**, Administrator of Animal Industries and State Veterinarian of the Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture. Dr. Barton explained the changes made are in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act, removing unnecessary or repetitive language and consolidating sections.  
This docket will carry over to the meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW42  
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

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DOCKET	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">02-0000-2000FA</a> 02.02.14	Rules for Weight and Measures (Page 63)	Brian Oakey, Deputy Director ISDA
<a href="#">02-0000-2000FA</a> 02.03.03	Rules Governing Pesticide and Chemigation (Page 93)	Brian Oakey, Deputy Director

Did you know Idaho produces 60% of the world's hybrid sweet corn.

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**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** David Lehman, Idaho Ag Aviation Administration (IAAA), Melinda Merrill, NW Grocery Assoc., Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association, (IDA), Marv Patten, Milk Producers of ID, Irma Morin, Community Council of Idaho, Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League (ICL), Ayisha Stucker-Gassi, Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000FA, RULE 02.02.14:** **Brian Oakey**, Deputy Director for the Idaho State Department (ISD), spoke to omnibus **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, Rule 02.02.14. Governor Little** directed the ISDA to begin the process of increasing fees and shifting all costs associated with a new full-time position approved for the Weights and Measures Program. The new inspector position was needed to keep pace with increasing demand for the inspection services provided. The proposed fee increase includes a plan to account for future programmatic costs associated with capital replacements items, and two new license categories, Mass Flow Meters and Electric Vehicle Charging systems, due to their emergence in the commercial marketplace. The process for raising fees over a three-year period utilizes a "not to exceed" fee statement establishing the maximum amount the fees can be raised. When the top end is reached, the graduated fee table is no longer necessary and will no longer be incorporated by reference into the rule. Mr. Oakey turned the podium over to **Kyle Wilmot**, the ISDA Bureau Chief who oversees the weights and measures program.

**Kyle Wilmot**, Bureau Chief, Ag Inspections Division, explained there is only one proposed change and this would be adding the incorporated by reference piece to reference the table that is going to be used for the three-year tiered approach for the proposed fee increase. This section was added to make it simpler and allow the updates to the proposed fee increase to occur without having to come back to the committee each year for the updated fees. After the final year of the increase the incorporation by reference section will need to be removed. The proposed fee increase is in relation to ensuring the program will be able to cover costs of the added position, programmatic costs related to capital replacements, and ensure the program can provide a consistent level of service and ensure equity in commerce.

**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.03.03:** **Brian Oakey** presented **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, Rule 02.03.03**, and explained the substantive changes proposed in this rulemaking focused on four rule categories: The first updates pesticide license categories to ensure the Idaho rule remains consistent with federal requirements and clarifies what license category an applicator must have. Second, to add new license categories. Third, to amend the rule language related to wind restrictions during spray operations, and fourth, to delete certain sections applying to specific aerial applications of pesticides. The ISDA is proposing to replace these hazard area restrictions with a new subsection providing a clear and concise statement that applications of pesticides resulting in drift outside of the target area are prohibited.

**Ayisha Stucker-Gassi**, Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides, spoke regarding alternative pesticides, and said she was neither for nor against the docket.

Speaking **in support** of **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA** were; **Irma Morin**, Community Council of Idaho, **David Lehman**, IAAA, and **Bob Naerebout**, IDA. Mr. Lehman stated the FAA regulates all aircraft and their standards must be complied with. A violation of these rules have consequences, and penalties to the applicator could occur.

**Jonathan Oppenheimer**, Idaho Conservation League, spoke **in opposition** to **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA**, expressing concern about drift in target areas such as schools and hospitals.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA** with the exception of **Rule 02-02-14**.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Marshall** made a substitute motion to **approve Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA**.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA** for time certain, Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Chairman Kauffman** stated he was in doubt regarding the voice vote and called for a roll call vote on the amended substitute motion. **Amended substitute motion carried by a vote of 12 AYE and 2 NAY**. Voting **in favor** of the amended substitute motion: **Reps. Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti and Mathias**. Voting **in opposition** of the amended substitute motion: **Chairman Kauffman and Vice Chairman Andrus**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, January 22, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Moon

**GUESTS:** None

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 53-0101-2000FA:** **Laura Wilder**, Executive Director, Idaho Barley Commission, explained without a concurrent resolution approving pending fee rules in 2020, it required each pending fee rule from last year to be re-promulgated and the negotiated rulemaking process repeated. The docket does not propose any changes from what was presented and approved last year and has no changes for consideration. The changes made last year included restructuring sentences and removing duplicate language in line with the 2019 Red Tape Reduction Act from **Governor Little**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 53-0101-2000FA**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0701-2000FA:** **Candy Fitch**, Executive Director, Idaho Hop Growers Commission, spoke to **Docket No. 02-0701-2000FA**. The approach to the omnibus rule was in line with the 2019 Red Tape Reduction Act from **Governor Little**. There are 5 rule chapters in this omnibus action and each is an existing rule previously reviewed by the legislature. The rules are unchanged from the 2020 review and approval which identify and eliminate rules that were obsolete, outdated, or unnecessary. Seven unnecessary definitions were removed which were already spelled out in the statute, a half page was eliminated and 371 words. There were no substantive changes and no changes in fees with the 2020 approval.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kirby** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0701-2000FA**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
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**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, January 26, 2021**

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	College of Agriculture and Life Science U of I	Dean Michael Parrella
<a href="#">RS28235</a>	Dairy Nutrient Management Plan	Bob Naerebout
<a href="#">RS28072</a>	Food Quality Assurance Institute	Chanel Tewalt
Docket No. <a href="#">02-0000-2000FA</a>	Dept. of Agriculture	Brian Oakey, Deputy Director, ISDA
Docket No. <a href="#">02-0000-2000FA</a> , 02.02.14	Rules for Weight and Measures (Page 63)	Brian Oakey, Deputy Director
Docket No. <a href="#">02-0000-2000FA</a> , <a href="#">02.03.03</a>	Rules Governing Pesticide and Chemigation (Page 93)	Brian Oakey, Deputy Director

Canada is the leading export market for Idaho agriculture products

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**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative Mathias

**GUESTS:** Brent Olmstead, CALS: Sean Ellis, Farm Bureau; Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Assoc

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep.Hanks** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2021, and January 22, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Michael Parrella**, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Science, U of I, said the U of I College of Agriculture and Life Science (CALs) is proud to serve as the Research and Development engine for Idaho's agriculture enterprise which accounts for 18% of the state's total output. He said the college also lead the state in research related to families, commodities and nutrition. He said their key initiatives aim to support this activity, move the college forward and support Idaho's agricultural and life science industries.

**RS 28235:** **Bob Naerebout**, Idaho Dairyment's Association, presented **RS 28235**. He said the change provides dairy producers with an option of utilizing either the original standard, phosphorus threshold or the more recent adopted standard, phosphorus indexing. These standards are currently found in Rule, based on statute requiring rules as to a standard. He stated the need for the legislation is to eliminate the sunset clause (found in Rule) that was put into place when the phosphorus indexing standard was adopted in 2017. This legislative "fix" does not change in any way the enforcement of Nutrient Management Plans it only provides producers with a choice.

**Mr. Naerebout** said the dual standard has been in place since 2017 and without this legislative change the phosphorus threshold standard would sunset on July 1, 2023.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 28235**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 28072:** **Chanel Tewalt** presented **RS 28072** stating in being consistent with the Governor's Red Tape Reduction Act, this bill seeks to eliminate inactive provisions of law. The IFQAI has transferred its powers and duties to the ISDA for years through memoranda of understanding (MOUs). She said the IFQAI has not managed the day-to-day activities of the laboratory for more than a decade. The IFQAI has been functioning as an advisory committee, and this bill would codify what has been established through MOUs. Ms. Tewalt explained if this bill were to become law, the ISDA will organize and host an Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory advisory committee. The Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory offers formal, third-party food quality and environmental testing to Idaho producers, government agencies, agricultural groups, processors, and consumers. She said this bill would not change the services, including voluntary industry testing, provided by the laboratory. Under the Idaho Public Records Act, all records of laboratory test results provided by or retained by the laboratory are confidential and exempt from

disclosure. This bill would not affect those exemptions. She said this bill will save the State of Idaho legal fees associated with MOUs, administrative time, and additional costs of coordinating a state board.

**Rep. Toone** invoked Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest but she would be voting.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to introduce **RS 28072. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000FA:** **Brian Oakey**, Deputy Director for the Idaho State Department (ISD), was available for questions.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA**, with the exception of section **02.02.14. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.02.14:** **Brian Oakey** ISD, answered questions regarding **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.02.14:**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.02.14. Chairman Kauffman** stated he was in doubt regarding the voice vote and called for a roll call vote on the motion. **Motion failed by a vote of 4 AYE, 9 NAY and 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Kauffman, Marshall, Toone and Ruchti. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Andrus, Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger. Rep. Mathias was absent/excused.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.03.03:** **Brian Oakey** IDS, was available to answer questions regarding **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.03.03.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0000-2000FA, 02.03.03. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, January 28, 2021**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Idaho Potato Commission	Frank Muir, CEO
	Ag Budget	Rob Sepich, Senior Budget and Policy Analyst
<a href="#">RS28141</a>	Veterinary Practice Act	Tim Frost, Division of Occupational and Professional licenses, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Docket No. <a href="#">24-3801-2000F</a>	Occupational License Board of Vet. Med. (pg 367)	Tim Frost

Idaho produces seed to grow enough green beans to fill 4 billion cans.

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**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone (Metzler-Fitsgerald), Ruchti, Mathias  
**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Nichols  
**GUESTS:** Patrick J. Kole, Idaho Potato Commission; Nicki Chopski, IDOPL; Tim Frost, IDOPL; Jeremy Brown, BOVM; Frank Muir, Idaho Potato Commission

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Frank Muir**, Idaho Potato Commission CEO, stated the Idaho Potato Commission's mission statement is to lead, promote and protect in contributing to the economic welfare of the State of Idaho, it's potato growers and other potato related business. Mr. Muir described the early challenges the pandemic caused with the supply chain of potatoes and gave examples of innovations which enabled the commission to meet customer needs while maximizing potato sales. He said retail fresh potato dollar sales are up 72% and are continuing to surge.

**Robb Sepich**, Senior Budget and Policy Analyst, described the 8 budget programs under the Department of Agriculture, comparing last years appropriated budget to the actual end of the year spending and detailing the amounts requested this year with the Governor's recommendations.

**RS 28141:** **Tim Frost**, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, presented **RS 28141** stating this bill updates and modernizes the Veterinary Practice Act language. He said it deletes an unused definition, provides clarification for Board member's term limits, and removes a statute of limitations for filing complaints. This bill removes the requirements of certain documentation streamlining the application process and implements endorsement licensing for out-of-state veterinarians. He explained additional changes include eliminating the January and June licensing dates for initiating a process that licenses applicants as soon as they have completed their applications which changes the January and June licensing dates in favor of immediate licensure allowing the Board to eliminate temporary licenses.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 28141. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 24-3801-2000F:** **Tim Frost**, Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, stated the Board of Veterinary Medicine has the primary responsibility of licensure and regulation of Veterinarians, Certified Veterinary Technicians, Certified Euthanasia Technician, and Certified Euthanasia Agency (animal shelter, humane society shelter). He said there is one rule chapter in this omnibus action and it is an existing rule that has been previously reviewed by the legislature. He explained their approach to the omnibus was in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act from **Governor Little**. During the summer of 2019, they specifically reviewed their rules to identify and eliminate rules that were obsolete, outdated, or unnecessary. He said they continued the review in 2020 before adopting these omnibus rules and they are proud of the red tape reduction they were able to accomplish over the previous two rule cycles. He stated overall, the rules are easier for Idaho citizens to navigate and noted

the Board did not make any rule changes to this Omnibus 2020 pending fee rule chapter before the committee today.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 24-3801-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Financial Condition of Idaho Agriculture	Dr. R. Garth Taylor, U of I Economist
DOCKET NO. <a href="#">60-0501-2000F</a>	Idaho State Soil and Water Conservation Commission (pg 409)	Teri Murrison, Administrator
<a href="#">H 50</a>	Food Assurance Institute	Rep. von Ehlinger

Did you know Idaho produces more rainbow trout than any other state in the union?

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**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Garth Taylor, U of ID; Greg Alward, U of ID

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, January 28, 2021 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Dr. R. Garth Taylor**, U of I Agricultural Economist, addressed the committee concerning the financial condition of Idaho Agriculture during this Covid 19 year. He explained in the early months of the shut down, it tore the food chain apart as grocery demand skyrocketed, restaurants shut their doors and distribution became exponentially more complex, resulting in the most dramatic shift in history. Even through all the challenges of 2020, he reported Idaho farm cash receipts were up 6%. He said Agriculture accounts for over a quarter of Idaho exports and in 2020, Agriculture set a near record high, exporting dairy, potatoes and wheat mainly to Canada and Mexico.

**Dr. Taylor** addressed committee questions concerning government payments. He said in 2020, the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program payments were approximately \$490 million. He explained direct payments are forecasted to be 39% of total US net farm income in 2020. In contrast, government payments contributed 18% to Idaho's net farm income, up from 6% in 2019. He said Idaho received 1.4% of total 2020 payments to US agriculture.

**DOCKET NO. 60-0501-2000F:** **Teri Murrison**, Administrator, said there is just one rule chapter which is an existing rule that was previously approved and codified under the rules of the Idaho State Soil and Water Conservation Commission prior to expiring last year. The rule sets forth procedures and requirements for establishing, implementing, and administering a loan from the state's Resource Conservation and Rangeland Development Program (RCRDP) fund and provides for the allocation of state funds appropriated for distribution to conservation districts. She said it applies to the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, RCRDP applicants, and Conservation Districts. The rule doesn't impose a fee or charge, or increase a fee or charge, beyond what was previously approved and codified in the prior rules. She explained it states, "the applicant is required to cover all costs incurred for loan closure, title insurance, and recording fees." She said it is also not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on the state general fund. She said their approach to the omnibus was in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act from **Governor Little** and their rules were reviewed to identify, eliminate, and consolidate those that were obsolete, outdated, or unnecessary.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 60-0501-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**



**H 50:**

**Rep. von Ehlinger** said in being consistent with the Governor's Red Tape Reduction Act, this bill seeks to eliminate inactive provisions of law. The IFQAI originally was established as an "independent public body corporate and politic" to oversee the management of the Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory. He explained the laboratory previously was housed within the University of Idaho and at the request of industry and the university, ISDA took over management of the laboratory. He stated the IFQAI had transferred its powers and duties to the ISDA for years through memoranda of understanding (MOUs). The IFQAI has not managed the day-to-day activities of the laboratory for more than a decade. The IFQAI has been functioning as an advisory committee, and this bill would codify what has been established through MOUs. He said if this bill were to become law, the ISDA will organize and host an Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory advisory committee. The Idaho Food Quality Assurance Laboratory offers formal, third-party food quality and environmental testing to Idaho producers, government agencies, agricultural groups, processors, and consumers. He said this bill would not change the services, including voluntary industry testing, provided by the laboratory. Under the Idaho Public Records Act, all records of laboratory test results provided by or retained by the laboratory are confidential and exempt from disclosure and this bill would not affect those exemptions.

**Reps. Toone** and **Boyle** invoked Rule 80 stating a possible conflict of interest but they would be voting on the legislation.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Moon** made a motion to send **H 50** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. von Ehlinger** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW42  
Thursday, February 04, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
RS 28371	Dairy Rule	Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's Association
DOCKET NO. <a href="#">42-0101-2000F</a>	Idaho Wheat Commission (pg 393)  Wheat Commission Presentation	Casey Chumrau, Executicve Director  Casey Chumrau

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 04, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 28371:** **Bob Naerebout**, Idaho Dairyman's Association, proposed legislation requires the ISDA to consider and balance best available science in rule-making with economic feasibility and impact of potential rules. The intent is to ensure that imposition of new rules dictated by scientific possibilities are balanced against economic reality such that regulatory burdens are financially attainable by farms and ranches.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 28371**.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Naerebout** clarified the decisions determining the balance of economic feasibility and science will be determined through the rule making process.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **Chairman Kauffman** called for a vote on the motion to introduce **RS 28371**.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 42-0101-2000F:** **Casey Chumrau**, Executive Director of Idaho Wheat Commission, said the fee rules do not impose a fee or charge, or increase a fee or charge, beyond what was previously submitted to and reviewed by the Legislature in the prior rules.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 42-0101-2000F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Casey Chumrau**, Executive Director, stated the Idaho Wheat Commission's mission statement is to maximize profitability for Idaho Wheat Producers by investing funds in market development, research and information and education. She explained a 3.5 cent assessment is levied on every bushel of wheat at the first point of sale. In explaining the budget, she said 38% is used for research, 31% for grower education and communication, 27% for market development and 4% for office operations and capitol outlay. She said since 1983 the IWC (Idaho Wheat Commission) has contributed \$13,622,713 to the University of Idaho in support of agriculture research and education. She said even during the Covid pandemic, research continued as well as market development. They continue to be optimistic for in-person events in the near future even though some programs have been postponed for now. She stated Idaho is the only state in the US that grows 5 out of the 6 classes of wheat explaining Idaho produces 50% of the country's hard white wheat. This year Idaho set record yields in all wheat production but especially in winter wheat. She said the price per bushel of wheat is the highest it has been since 2014.

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Chumrau** said the research money is not only given to the University of Idaho but it also goes to the USDA, Oregon State and Utah State to name a few.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Monday, February 08, 2021**

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
DOCKET NO.		
<a href="#">43-0101-2000F</a>	Idaho Oilseed Commission (pg 397)	Benjamin Kelly, Administrator
<a href="#">51-0101-2000F</a>	Idaho Beef Council (pg 401)	TK Kuwahara, Executive Director
<a href="#">02-0801-2000F</a>	Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board (pg 341)	Naomi LeGere-Gordon, Executive Director
<a href="#">11-0201-2000F</a>	Brand Board (pg 353)	Major Charlie Spencer, Idaho State Police
	Idaho Dairyman's Association Presentation	Rick Naerebout, Chief Executive Officer

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 08, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Rick Naerebout, IDA; Benjamin Kelly, Oilseed Commission; TK Kuwahara, IBC; Marv Patten, MPI

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, February 4, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Kauffman** turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Andrus.**

**DOCKET NO. 43-0101-2000F:** **Benjamin Kelly**, Administrator of Idaho Oilseed Commission, said this pending fee rule adopts and re-publishes the existing rule chapter previously submitted and reviewed by the Idaho Legislature. He said there are no changes to the pending fee rule and it does not impose or increase a fee beyond what has already been approved.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 43-0101-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 51-0101-2000F:** **TK Kuwahara**, Executive Director of Idaho Beef Council, explained there was only one rule chapter in this omnibus action which is an existing rule that has previously been reviewed and approved by the legislature. She said their approach to the omnibus was in line with the Red Tape Reduction Act from **Governor Little** to review the rules and identify and eliminate rules that are obsolete or unnecessary. She said over all the rule is lighter and easier for Idahoans to navigate with no substantive changes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Cannon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 51-0101-2000F.**

In response to a committee question, **Ms. Kuwahara** said when a refund is requested from the assessment, it is usually due to a need for extra funds for feed or the cost of business. She said they have less than 1% who ever ask for a refund.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Andrus** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 51-0101-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 11-0201-2000F:** **Major Charlie Spencer**, representing Idaho Brand Board, said the proposed fee rule had previously been submitted and reviewed by the legislature. He said the fee rule does not impose a fee or change, or increase a fee or change, beyond what was previously submitted to and reviewed by the legislature in the prior rules.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0201-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Andrus** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Kauffman.**

**Rick Naerebout**, Chief Executive Officer, stated the mission of Idaho Dairywomen's Association is to protect Idaho's dairy industry through environmental, legal and legislative leadership. He explained the majority of the board is from the Magic Valley which represents the largest percentage of dairies and cows in the state. He pointed out the largest growth is occurring in dairies with 1000-2000 plus cows. He said there was a 4% increase in milk production this year which ranks Idaho 3rd in the nation. He explained 37,000 jobs in Idaho are related to the dairy industry with dairy bringing in \$9.1 billion in total sales to the state. He pointed out 90% of the on-dairy jobs are filled by foreign-born labor and said without those jobs none of the other jobs in dairy could exist. He talked about the environmental services and research being done and their goals for the future. He explained the goal of the Idaho Dairy Nutrient Management is to minimize nutrient loss to the environment by reducing soil erosion and improving water quality and to maximize nutrient utilization by increasing crop yields, enhancing water use efficiency, and improve soil health with manure application

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Naerebout** stated the Farm Workforce Modernization Act is a piece of legislation that was passed by the US House in Dec. 2019. It would have given the year round agriculture sector and their families who are here without status, legal protection and help in transitioning to legal status. This legislation was passed in the US House but failed in the Senate. He said it now has the opportunity within the first 100 days of this congress to be brought to the floor without going through the committee process.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	How Ag Commissions are Formed	Rick Waitley, President Waitley Association Management Group
<a href="#">RS28449</a>	Industrial Hemp	Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau Federation

Did you know 90% of all phosphate fertilizers in the Western US come from Idaho?

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Nichols

**GUESTS:** Rick Waitley, Food Producers; Liz Hatter, Greenwich Bioscience

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hanks** made a motion to approve the minutes of Monday, February 8, 2021.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rick Waitley**, President of Waitley Association Management Group, explained the three main purposes commissions exist are to educate both the producers and the public, for research and to promote products. He clarified who governs commissions and how they are compensated. He said the staff is dependent on the size of the commission and gave examples of some staff considered state employees in all aspects while others are only considered state employees some of the time. He detailed the process for appointing commissioners and discussed the assessments which often times are established as a range under Idaho Code.

**RS 28449:** **Braden Jensen**, Idaho Farm Bureau, presented **RS 28449**, regarding the legalization of the production, processing, transport, and research of industrial hemp in the state of Idaho. He stated throughout the country there are 49 states, two territories, and 48 tribes that have legalized industrial hemp in some form or fashion. He said the Idaho legislature has considered this issue over the past several years as the Farm Bureau has worked with the various stakeholders on this topic. They include members of the agriculture industry, trucking industry, state agencies, and law enforcement.

**Mr. Jensen** explained the proposed legislation defines industrial hemp, directs ISDA to develop a state hemp plan, and permits the production, research, processing and transportation of hemp containing 0.3% or less of tetrahydrocannabinols (THC) in the state according to the provisions of the 2018 Farm Bill. He indicated this legislation defines industrial hemp using the same language as the 2018 Farm Bill in addition to providing for the legal transportation and possession of industrial hemp in and through the state. He continued to explain it provides a severability clause and an emergency clause allowing the legislation to go into effect upon its passage and approval.

**Mr. Jensen** indicated Farm Bureau's goals for this proposed legislation are to legalize the production of industrial hemp in the state, maintain a strong and enforceable drug policy and to work to ensure all stakeholders are comfortable with the proposal they developed.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Jensen** stated this proposed legislation removes hemp from the schedule 1 list of controlled substances.

In response to a committee question concerning the fiscal impact to the ISDA, **Mr. Jensen** said the state would initially have start up costs of approximately \$150,000 to set up the program, but ongoing costs would be covered by the industry as it is intended to be self sustaining.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 28449. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**UPON ADJOURNMENT**  
**Room EW42**  
**Friday, February 12, 2021**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS28491</a>	Reindeer, Domestic	Rep. Sage G. Dixon
<a href="#">RS28574</a>	Dept. Ag, Rulemaking	David Claiborne, Idaho Dairymen's Association
<a href="#">RS28545</a>	Kratom Consumer Protection Act	Rep. Tammy Nichols

Did you know only 31% of Idaho land is privately owned?

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 12, 2021

**TIME:** UPON ADJOURNMENT

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Ruchti, von Ehlinger

**GUESTS:** Martin Bilao, American Kratom Association

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 28491:** **Rep. Dixon** explained this legislation removes a prohibition on the use of reindeer for domestic purposes north of the Salmon River.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Moon** made a motion to introduce **RS 28491**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 28574:** **David Claiborne**, representing Idaho Dairymen's Association, said this proposed legislation is to clarify the ISDA using the best available science in rule-making, where available, and with special emphasis given to site-specific, local, state-wide and regional data, including economic information. He said with respect to science used in rule-making, to require the disclosure of, and opportunity for public comment on, applicable science and its underlying methodology and to require rules imposed on agriculture operations be economically feasible, based on economic information presented by interested parties. He said the intent is to ensure imposition of rules dictated by scientific possibilities are balanced against economic reality such that regulatory burdens are financially attainable by farms and ranches.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to introduce **RS 28574**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 28545:** **Martin Bilbao**, American Kratom Association, stated kratom is a naturally grown tree, which comes from the coffee family and originates in South East Asia. It has been used for centuries in South East Asia and since the early 1970's in the United States. He said kratom can be used to give a boost of energy, to improve focus, and has helped many with pain management. He pointed out consumers are put at risk with adulterated and misbranded kratom products. This legislation provides for definitions of kratom, bans the sale of adulterated or synthetic kratom products in Idaho and provides for violations for those who sell adulterated or synthetic kratom products.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to introduce **RS 28545**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW42  
Tuesday, February 16, 2021

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
Docket No. <a href="#">02-0801-2000F</a>	Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board	Naomi LeGere-Gordon, Executive Director
	Lewiston Port	David Doeringsfeld, General Manager
<a href="#">H 64</a>	Veterinarian Licensing	Tim Frost, Manager of Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing
<a href="#">H 51</a>	Dairy Nutrient Management	Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairyman's Association; Marv Patten, Milk Producers of Idaho; Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 12, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 02-0801-2000F:** **Naomi LeGere- Gordon**, Executive Director of Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, explained this Omnibus fee rule adopts and republishes existing rule chapter previously reviewed by the Idaho Legislature. She said there are no changes to the pending rule and it is being adopted as originally proposed. This rule does not change or increase a fee.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Nichols** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0801-2000F. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**David Doeringsfeld**, Manager of Lewiston Port, explained the port operates in 3 areas; Transportation, Economic Development and International trade but today he would address mostly transportation. He said the Lewis Clark Terminal is independently owned and operated. He said 10% of all US wheat exports moves by barge on the Snake River, explaining Camas Prairie and Palouse have the best dry land farming in the US, which is perfect for growing wheat. He said total commodities shipped on the Snake River have remained fairly constant over the past decade averaging approximately 3.8 million tons per year.

In response to a committee question about the economic impact to the community if the dams were to be breached, **Mr. Doeringsfeld** said it would be financially devastating. He commented on the infrastructure that would need to be in place to replace the barges.

In response to a committee question concerning the difference in cost shipping grain by train or truck as compared to barges, **Mr. Doeringsfeld** said it would be anywhere from a 50 to 100% increase in cost.

**H 64:** **Tim Frost**, Regulatory Affairs Manager for the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, stated the Board of Veterinary Medicine has the primary responsibility of licensure and regulation of Veterinarians, Certified Veterinary Technicians, Certified Euthanasia Technician, and Certified Euthanasia Agencies (animal shelter, humane society shelter). He said this legislation updates the veterinary medicine practice act to simplify the licensing requirements within it. By streamlining the licensure process the bill removes the previous limitations of the Board only issuing licensing in January and June to now allow the Board to issue a licensure immediately upon receiving an application. Licenses will now be issued at the time of application completion. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund as a result of this bill, and a minor reduction to the agency's dedicated fund in the average amount of \$4,800 as a result of the elimination of the temporary permit. Overall, he stated, the proposed changes seek to simplify the veterinary medicine practice act and the licensing requirements within it. He reported this bill is supported by the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Moon** made a motion to send **H 64** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 51:** **Bob Naerebout**, Idaho Dairyman's said this legislation allows dairy producers to continue monitoring land application of dairy nutrients according to methods now allowed by ISDA and selected by the producer - phosphorus threshold standard or phosphorus indexing standard. He explained the dual standard has been in place since 2017. Without this legislative change the phosphorus threshold standard would sunset on July 1, 2023.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to send **H 51** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Jonathan Oppenheimer**, Idaho Conservation League, spoke against the legislation stating they were involved five years ago in the rule making process regarding dairy byproducts from threshold to indexing using best available science. He said phosphorus index is up in the water aquifers making it less safe and not in keeping with water quality goals.

In response to a committee question concerning why this is necessary now, **Mr. Naerebout** explained there are many smaller dairy farms, particularly in eastern Idaho, who are well below the phosphorus threshold limit of 40 ppm, who do not want to be forced to switch over to a more complex and costly phosphorus indexing option.

In response to a committee question asking if they considered carving out the smaller dairies but holding the larger dairies to the higher standard, **Mr. Naerebout** said Idaho is one of only a few states that already has requirements higher than what is required by the federal government.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Kauffman** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 51** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Ruchti and Mathias** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary



AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, February 18, 2021**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 167</a>	Department Ag., Rules	Bob Naerebout, Idaho Dairymen's
	United Dairymen of Idaho	Karianne Fallow, CEO
	Introduction, Bayer	James Curry, Government Affairs Lead, Bayer
	Caldwell Canyon Phosphate Mine	Randy Vranes, Business Unit Lead Minerals Activities, Bayer
	Roundup Litigation Updates	James Curry

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 18, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** James Curry, Bayer; Randy Vranes, Bayer; Roger Batt, Bayer; Karianne Fallow, Dairy West; Marv Patten, Milk Producer of Idaho; Bob Naerebout, IDA; Russ Hendricks, Farm Bureau; David Claiborne, IDA

**Vice Chairman Andrus** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes from February 16, 2021.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chairman Andrus** turned the gavel over to **Chairman Kauffman**.

**H 167:** **Bob Naerebout**, Idaho Dairymen's, explained this legislation simply states if they look at good science, they also have to take into account the financial impact the good science has on the dairy or livestock producers. He said the science needs to apply to what is good for the state or the region. He said the decision for what is economically feasible will be decided at the table during the Rule Making process.

In answer to a committee question about how this legislation will improve the negotiating process, **Mr. Naerebout** said adding the words "if available" is key.

**Jonathan Oppenheimer**, Idaho Conservation League expressed concern this legislation amends existing law requiring the Idaho Department of Agriculture to apply best available science as they develop rules related to dairy and beef feedlots. This allows industry groups to ignore the best available science if the ISDA determines it isn't considered economically feasible. He stated if this change is enacted, the ISDA will be placed in a challenging position of determining what is economically feasible for dairies and beef industries.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Moon** made a motion to send **H 167** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Naerebout** clarified that even with-in a year of record receipts, there were still dairymen filing for bankruptcy, so rather than looking at a snap shot in time to decide economic feasibility, the decision will be based on the history cycle of the industry.

**Russ Hendricks**, Farm Bureau and **Marv Patten** IMP, both spoke in support of the legislation.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **Chairman Kauffman** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 167** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Ruchti** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Andrus** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Karianne Fallow**, CEO of United Dairymen's of Idaho, said in 2020, Idaho dairy farmers produced 16,208,490,950 pounds of milk resulting in a variety of products and supporting 37,000 job's in Idaho's economy. She explained 2020 presented real challenges for the dairy farmers as they lost market due to restaurant, food service industry and schools closures. Curds of Kindness was created to get surplus milk into the hands and homes of those who need it the most. In June of this year, they were able to take Curd of Kindness across the region stopping at hospitals, clinics, food banks, and fire stations to show front line workers how much their efforts were appreciated. This program saved dairies from going out of business by creating a solution to prevent milk from being disposed.

**James Curry**, Government Affairs Lead, Bayer, said he wanted to take this opportunity to explain how important the state of Idaho is to Bayer and to give an update on future investments in the state.

**Randy Vranes**, Business Unit Lead Mineral Activies, said he appreciated the opportunity to talk concerning the mining the projects in South East Idaho. He explained the history of mining in the area beginning with the Ballard mine in 1951. He said Trail Creek and Caldwell Canyon are the two newest mines. He explained the Caldwell Canyon mine permitting process began in 2014 and took about 5 1/2 years to be approved, when it normally would take up to 10 years. He told of their process to always back fill as they mine an area and the remediation process including water treatment and plant scrubbing system upgrades.

**James Curry**, Government Affairs Lead, Bayer, said herbicide products have gotten a lot of negative press in the last few years but added the investments Bayer is making in Southeastern Idaho speak to the commitment they have for their product which has been safely used for over 40 years. He said safety regulators around the world as recently as last year continue to assess the fact that when used according to the label, Round Up does not pose a health risk and is not a carcinogenic.

In response to a committee question as to whether there have been any modifications to the product, **Mr. Curry** said the formula has not changed, but they made some modifications to the labeling.

**Chairman Kauffman** recognized **Kaity Reineke** and thanked her for her service to the committee as a House Page.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Monday, February 22, 2021**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	State FFA Officers	Cade Brakett, Idaho FFA Vice President, Riata Chandler, Idaho FFA Secretary
	Idaho Beef Council	TK Kuwahara, Executive Director
	Barley Commission	Laura Wilder, Executive Director
	Idaho Hops Growers Commission	Candi Fitch, Executive Director
	Idaho Apple and Commission	Candi Fitch, Executive Director
	Idaho Cherry Commission	Candi Fitch, Executive Director

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 22, 2021  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None  
**GUESTS:** None

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Riata Chandler**, Idaho FFA Secretary, introduced the 2020-2021 officers for Idaho FFA stating there are over 5,100 FFA members across the state. They have visited 43 of Idaho's 93 chapters so far this year. She explained the three circle model of agriculture education combines classroom instruction, supervised agricultural experience, and the FFA organization through integral instruction.

**Cade Barkett**, Idaho FFA Vice President, said the District Officer Training was a real highlight for him as he was able to learn and connect with so many amazing people. Even though many events could not take place this year, he said they are working hard to provide the best possible opportunity through a virtual State Convention this year.

**TK Kuwahara**, Executive Director of Idaho Beef, gave a brief history of the Idaho beef industry stating there are over 8,149 beef operations valued at \$2,639 billion dollars which makes livestock the #1 agricultural sector by value in Idaho. She explained the funding for the council and how it is divided between the National Checkoff and the State Checkoff programs. Ms. Kuwahara said COVID-19 provided some unique challenges as supply chains were reduced and consumers began purchasing cuts of beef they were not familiar with cooking in their home. She explained how they used social and digital media to connect to the consumers and educate them on what cuts to purchase, how to store and different ways to prepare beef. Their strategic goals include communicating beef's value and overcoming misconceptions and growing consumer trust in beef and beef products.

**Laura Wilder**, Executive Director of Idaho Barley Commission, said the commission is self governed and serves to enhance the profitability of the Idaho barley growers through research, market development, promotion, information and education. She said Idaho's altitude, high desert climate and agronomic conditions make it an ideal location to grow barley. She said of the 55,000,000 bushels of barley produced in Idaho about 75% goes to make malt. Idaho is the #1 barley producing state in the US followed by Montana and North Dakota.

**Candi Fitch**, Executive Director of Idaho Apple Commission, said Idaho has a relatively small region in the southwestern side of the state that is ideal for growing apples. She explained some of the challenges of this past year as retail sales were flat most likely due to closures in schools and other food services. She said they were able to participate in the Farmers to Family food boxes to help sell fruit that normally goes to other food channels. Ms. Fitch reviewed the 2020-2021 proposed budget with the committee.

**Candi Fitch**, Executive Director for Idaho Cherry Commission, said on average Idaho produces about 1,400 tons of cherries annually. The cherry harvest begins in mid to late June and is finished by the end of July. She said most of the cherries are grown in the Sunny Slope area and there are new cherry orchards coming into production this season. She said the 2020 crop sold very well even though the tonnage was down from 2019. She reviewed the 2020-2021 proposed budget with the committee.

**Candi Fitch**, Executive Director for the Idaho Hop Growers Commission, explained hops is a relatively new crop to Idaho. Initially the industry thought it would be a strong hop year until they faced market struggles from COVID-19 which caused the closure of tap rooms. The dealers adjusted many contracts putting farms in a losing position but minimized the blow to the end users as much as possible. She said this year's quality and yields were down but they remain hopeful for a better year. She reviewed the 2020-2021 proposed budget with the committee.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW42  
Wednesday, February 24, 2021

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 166</a>	Reindeer, Domestic	Rep. Sage Dixon
<a href="#">H 126</a>	Industrial Hemp	Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 24, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols (Brooks), Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Allen Hodges, ITA; Russ Belville, Idaho Citizens Coalition; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers; Casey Baker, EFI; Margie Baker, EFI; Mike Miller, self; Kelly Miller, Self; Owen Millwe, self; Abi Miller, self; Tim Cornie, self; Van Wiebe, self

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, and February 22, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 166:** **Rep. Dixon** said the purpose of this legislation is to remove a prohibition and allow reindeer for domestic purposes north of the Salmon River so people with interest can raise reindeer in northern Idaho.

**Kelly Miller**, representing herself, spoke **in support** of the bill, explaining she was the director of education at the Alaskan Wildlife and Conservation Center for 12 years before moving to northern Idaho. While there she had extensive experience handling reindeer in various circumstances and venues. She would like the ability to educate and share these type of reindeer experiences with the public in northern Idaho.

**Mike Miller**, representing himself, spoke **in support** of the legislation. He detailed the agricultural aspects of raising reindeer. He previously owned a large farm where they raised reindeer along with other animals. He listed a variety of ways reindeer can create income including leasing them to the film industry. Even a small herd can provide economic value to a community. He addressed chronic wasting disease stating reindeer pose a very low risk for contracting the disease per the USDA.

**Rep. Dixon**, in closing said he had checked with the former state veterinarian and the current state veterinarian, and neither had concerns going forward.

**MOTION:** **Rep. von Ehlinger** made a motion to send **H 166** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Dixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 126:** **Braden Jensen**, Idaho Farm Bureau, stated this bill is regarding the legalization of the production, processing, transportation and research of industrial hemp in the state of Idaho. He explained the time line of progression beginning with the 2018 Farm Bill, providing the framework for the legal production of industrial hemp in the country. There are 49 states, 2 territories and 48 tribes that have legalized industrial hemp in some form or fashion. He said they had three goals to achieve which were to legalize production in the state, maintain a strong enforceable drug policy and work to ensure all stakeholders are comfortable with the proposal they developed.



**Matthew Mead**, Hempitecture, spoke **in support** of the legislation stating his business specializes in sustainable building products derived from agricultural hemp. He said currently he imports hemp manufactured product from Canada, sending dollars out of the state. The passage of this legislation represents an economic opportunity for hard working Idaho farmers to participate in this growing industry.

**Russ Belville**, Idaho Citizens Coalition, spoke **in support** stating with the passing of this legislation, Idaho will no longer be the only political jurisdiction in North America to criminalise the cultivation of hemp. He said this is a step forward in the right direction but far from a solution as it only allows for the production, processing and transport of hemp if properly licensed. He said part of the reason the ISP resists the legislation is because they will have to use a more expensive test to check for legal amounts of THC.

**Benjamin Kelly**, Food Producers of Idaho, spoke **in support** of **H 126**. He said the bill presented today is a responsible step forward providing Idaho farmers a viable opportunity to produce an additional crop and better diversify their operations. He explained this provides a path forward for farmers to grow hemp, produce seed and for the production of by-products from the crop.

**Casey and Margie Baker**, spoke **in support** of the bill stating even though there are some problems with the regulations surrounding this bill, they are hopeful it is a step forward in legalizing alternative medications for those who have to rely on legal drugs today that have damaging side effects.

**Tim Cornie**, farmer, spoke **in support** saying hemp grain is a very healthy product, with more protein than soy beans. It contains all 9 essential amino acids as well as being a good source of fiber. He showed several examples of hemp products that can be purchased in Idaho, yet Idaho farmers are not allowed to grow hemp. He said he has no problem with the extra paper work involved with being licensed and growing under the conditions set forth by the ISDA.

**Van Wiebe**, spoke **in support** of the bill listing several health benefits derived from hemp.

**Steve Madden**, representing himself, spoke **in opposition** to the bill, stating he came from a state that began with the legalization of hemp, slowly over the years it progressed to fully legalization of marijuana. He spoke to the effects it has had on the deterioration of that state and expressed concern Idaho could follow a similar path.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 126** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Discussion on the motion was held. Committee members anxious for farmers to have the ability to grow and harvest industrial hemp expressed concern that hemp had not been removed from the schedule 1 national drug list. The committee also asked for clarification on the stance of the Idaho State Police concerning the bill.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Marshall** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 126** for time certain, March 2, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, March 02, 2021**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>H 126</u></a>	Industrial Hemp (Vote)	Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau
	Ag in the Classroom	Rick Waitley, State Director
	Idaho Preferred	Anne Struthers, ISDA
	Best Management Practices, Treasure Valley Water Users Association	Roger Batt, Treasure Valley Water Users Dan Steenson, Sawtooth Law Mary Anne Nelson, DEQ Brian Olmstead, Twin Falls Canal Company Paul Arrington, Idaho Water Users Association

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 02, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Rich Waitley, AITC; Tim Cornie, Self; Jon Basabe, Kind Idaho

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 126:** Continuation of the meeting of February 24, 2021.

**Chairman Kauffman** returned **H 126** to the committee for consideration, which was held for time certain from the meeting of Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to send **H 126** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

During discussion on the motion, several committee members supported sending the bill to the floor but reserved the right to change their vote on the floor.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Kauffman** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 126** to the floor with **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Rick Waitley**, State Director AICR (Agriculture In the Class Room), explained the history of the program beginning in 1986. The proceeds from the Idaho specialty license plate along with other sources of revenue help to advance agricultural literacy in Idaho classrooms, home schools and charter schools. He explained several programs available to give educators an Idaho agricultural experience in the class room while also earning needed continuing education credits. He said by influencing teachers through positive agricultural experiences through their agri-business partners, they in turn can show life on the farm in a more positive way to their students. He explained their goals to increase funding partners for agriculture education, increase visibility for AITC in schools and make improvements in curriculum and activities.

**Anne Struthers**, Idaho Preferred Marketing Specialist, said their mission is to connect Idaho agriculture producers with consumers, retailers and food service in the market place to help members be successful. Idaho Preferred was established in 2002, and now has over 320 members focused exclusively on Idaho food, beverage and other agricultural products. She said the website is the most effective tool in advertising with over 80% of the members satisfied with the programs' overall effectiveness. She said they use Facebook, Instagram and a newsletter to spread positive stories about the members and the products they represent. She said the Holiday Baskets have become a very popular item with over 50% of the participants receiving follow-up sales.

**Roger Batt**, Treasure Valley Water Users explained the organization represents canal and ditch companies and irrigation districts who work to meet voluntarily standards of TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) through BMP (Best Management Practices).

**Mary Anne Nelson**, DEQ, explained agricultural BMP are practices researched, studied, and implemented in the agricultural industry that provide for the protection of natural resources. These practices reduce soil and fertilizer runoff, properly manage animal waste, and protect water and air quality on the farms and often improve the bottom line by reducing operating costs. She said DEQ's mission is to protect human health and the quality of Idaho's air, land, and water. With over 95,000 miles of streams and rivers and 460,000 acres of lakes and reservoirs, water is one of Idaho's most important resources. DEQ has identified performance which impacts both point and nonpoint source pollution management. She stated DEQ intends to increase the percentage of Idaho's water ways that are supporting beneficial uses to 35% as currently the percentage supporting beneficial uses is 33%. She spoke of the federal funding Idaho receives which has steadily decreased over time. Since 2017, the State Legislature has appropriated monies to supplement the federal funding. These funds go to individual grantees to implement projects that help reduce pollution. She identified several successful projects which have provided an opportunity for state and local partners to work together in reducing impact from non point pollution.

**Brian Olmstead**, Twin Falls Canal Company general manager, said they have five districts represented by five board members making them the largest irrigation district in the state. Beginning in 2000 they realized they needed to be proactive, and entered into a large education program with farmers to implement BMP. He said an important goal is to not only make BMP improvements but to make them economically feasible for the farmer, dairymen, and sportsman. He described 14 projects using 319 funding programs and spoke of other sources of funding used over the past three years including the state flood management fund.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Olmstead** said most of the wetland projects are built for water quality alone to meet the TMDL.

**Dan Steenson**, Sawtooth Law, said they have been implementing projects through the Treasure Valley over the last 10 years with grant funds from the 319 federal programs as well as from the state's flood irrigation program. He explained the TMDL objective for Boise valley tributary loading which consists largely of agriculture return flows, shows a reduction of 73%. He said the Treasure Valley is urbanizing rapidly with an average loss of 3,000 acres of farm land a year to urbanization but even so there are still significant amounts of agricultural fields. He said the target of the implementation effort is for flood irrigated fields. He said they need to find ways to accelerate the implementation efforts by continuing to apply for grants and notifying landowners of the grants available for these projects. He said there is a decline in phosphorous in conjunction with the implementation of these efforts.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, March 04, 2021**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS28701</a>	The Soil and Water Commission Districts	Rep. Caroline Troy
<a href="#">S 1122</a>	Soil Conservation	Teri Murrison, Administrator
	Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission	Moya Shatz-Dolsby, Executive Director
	Bean Commission	Andi Woolf-Weibye, Executive Director

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**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 04, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Andrus, Nichols

**GUESTS:** Andi Woolf-Weibye, Idaho Bean Commission

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**RS 28701:** **Rep. Troy** stated this legislation revises provisions for how Commissioners are appointed to the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission and repeals the ability to establish any new Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to introduce **RS 28701. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1122:** **Teri Murrison**, Administrator of Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, said these proposed changes are in line with the Governor's Red Tape Reduction Act to eliminate outdated or unnecessary provisions in the Code. The changes include standardizing all references to Districts and the Commission as "Conservation District" and "Conservation Commission" as well as removing the Idaho OnePlan as it has been unfunded and non-operational for almost a decade.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Toone** made a motion to send **S 1122** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Cannon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Moya Shatz-Dolsby**, Executive Director of Idaho Grape Growers and Wine Producers Commission, stated their mission is to support Idaho grape growers and wine makers and act as a united voice for the Idaho wine industry, by helping to grow awareness and sales of Idaho wines. Idaho wine has a 150 year history. As of 2020 there are 65 wineries and 1,300 acres planted in Idaho. She explained the favorable conditions in Idaho for growing grapes including the rich volcanic soil, four distinct season and Idaho's warm growing season. She reviewed the budget explaining due to Covid-19 restrictions, IWC lost revenue which resulted in the reduction of staff. She said there is upcoming legislation to change the percentage of excise tax on wine.

**Andi Woolf-Weibye**, Executive Director of Idaho Bean Commission, said their mission statement is to promote Idaho's premier reputation as a consistent, top-quality, disease free, dry and green bean seed producer, and promote beans as a nutritious and healthy food. She explained their objectives for this coming year which include promoting Idaho bean seed and bean consumption, conduct grower education and educating consumers. She reported how the pandemic has affected the budget as so many events could not take place and had to be cancelled. She reviewed the current grants and research from 2017 to 2020. Idaho currently is number one in the nation for bean seed production and number 5 in bean production.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW42  
Monday, March 08, 2021

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>SCR 106</u></a>	Wheat Commission, New Building	Casey Chumrau, Executive Director
	Annual Idaho Sheep and Goat Report	Naomi LeGere-Gordon, Executive Director
	Idaho Sugar Beet Association	Brad Griff, Executive Director
	Amalgamated Sugar	Jessica Anderson, Public Affairs Manager

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 08, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**SCR 106** **Casey Chumrau**, Executive Director of Idaho Wheat Commission, stated their present building was built in 1945 and is now in need of significant repair. She said it made more financial sense to rebuild on the property they now own. She said there will be no impact to the general fund as the Idaho Wheat Commission has set aside money to put towards the building. She said the purpose of the concurrent resolution is to authorize and allow them to bond the remainder of the money through the State Building Authority. She said the tenants that now occupy the building will continue to rent in the new building, defraying costs.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to send **SCR 106** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Roll call vote was requested. **Motion carried by voice vote of 8 AYE, 5 NAY, 1 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Kauffman, Andrus, Kerby, Marshall, Cannon, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias. Voting in opposition to the motion; Reps. Boyle, Giddings, Nichols, Hanks, Moon. Rep. von Ehlinger was absent/excused. Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Naomi LeGere-Gordeon**, Executive Secretary of Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board, supplied the committee with their annual report detailing the expenditures of monies received by the Sheep, Lamb and Wool Promotions as required by Idaho Code and administered by Idaho Wool Growers. She said the current assessment on wool is ten cents per pound and broke down the four categories it is used for. She said due to low prices for wool over the past few years, many sellers are holding their wool until they can get a better price per pound. She said there are 230,000 head in the state making Idaho among the top ten states for sheep and lambs. She detailed several programs sponsored by IWGA to educate and inform the public of the importance of the Idaho sheep industry.

**Brad Griff**, Executive Director for Idaho Sugar Beet Association, explained sugar beets are a root crop grown below the soil, usually weighing up to 3-5 pounds and are harvested in the late fall to increase sugar content. Sugar beets are grown in 11 states, primarily in the northern states where warm days and cooler nights produce the best crop. Idaho is the largest producer of sugar beets in the nation and accounts for 18% of sugar beet production in the country. **Mr. Griff** spoke to the importance of using the best farming practices to achieve sustainability by decreasing the use of pesticide, reducing fuel usage, improving soil health and increasing efficiency.

**Jessica Anderson**, Public Affairs Manager for Amalgamated Sugar, said they are the second largest beet sugar company in the nation producing 10% of the nation's real sugar. They were founded in 1897 and now have three processing factories, employing 1,700 employees. She spoke concerning the three legislative priorities which are transportation, recruiting talent for employment opportunities in the industry and continuing agricultural research. She explained sugar is more than just sweetness. Along with fat and protein, sugar provides the body with energy and should be included in moderation and portion control in a healthy diet.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, March 10, 2021**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	DEQ Agricultural Update	Jess Byrne, DEQ Director

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**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Boyle, Giddings, Moon, Toone

**GUESTS:** Mary Anne Nelson, DEQ; Jerri Henry, DEQ; Tiffany Floyd, DEQ; Jess Byrne, DEQ; B. Roy Prescott, Northdise Soil and Water District; Richard Kunau, IASCD; Kristin Ryan, DEQ; Douglas Jones, IWE; Mike Sommerville, IASCD; Steve Becker, IASCD

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 4, and March 8, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Jess Byrne**, DEQ Director, explained their mission is to protect human health and the quality of Idaho's air, land and water. In working for the people of Idaho, he said local compliance assistance leads to better long term outcomes and gives them the ability to influence the implementation of federal acts for the best fit for Idaho. Their focus is to assess environmental problems and oversee compliance of facilities that generate air, water and hazardous waste pollution and monitor Idaho's air and water quality. The Department also oversees cleanup of contaminated sites, responds to hazardous materials and emergency response calls and issues permits and authorizations for new and expanding businesses and manufacturing facilities. He discussed topics relevant to agriculture such as crop residue burning, ammonia from dairy farms and water ways of the US.

In response to a committee question concerning the issuing of fines, **Mr. Byrne** said they view fines as a deterrent, and issue them as a last resort.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Idaho Mint Commission	Roger Batt, Administrator
	Invasive Species	Lloyd Knight, Administrator, Div. of Plant Industries
	Invasive Species	Nic Zurfluh, Section Manager, Invasive Species

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**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Kerby, Giddings, von Ehlinger

**GUESTS:** None

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Roger Batt**, Administrator of Idaho Mint Commission, said they were established in 1969, to fund the commission and the research arm of the Idaho Mint Industry. Assessment is 6.5 cents per pound of oil sold and has remained at that amount for the past 10 years. He explained 3.5 cents of the assessment is kept in the Idaho Mint Commission fund and the other 3.0 cents is paid to the Mint Industry Research Council. Idaho currently ranks number one in peppermint production, producing 40% of the nation's peppermint oil. There are 73 Idaho mint growers, growing about 18,000 acres of mint which produces about 1.8 million pounds of mint oil from that acreage. Some of the challenges faced this year stem from the decline in products that normally use mint oil such as chewing gum, candy and oral health products. He said while some sectors show a decline in demand, the aromatherapy sector demand remains strong.

In response to a committee question, **Mr. Batt** said mineral oils can be stored safely for several years but will lose some of it's value over time.

In response to a committee question concerning where the product is shipped, **Mr. Batt** said most of it goes to the European Union.

**Lloyd Knight**, Administrator, Division of Plant Industries, explained the four invasive species program areas, which are prevention, early detection, management and control, and education and outreach. He reviewed the program budget pointing out the three main sources of funding from the General Fund, the Dedicated Fund and federal cost share matching funds. He said Zero Based Rulemaking will include the Rules Governing Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds in 2021.

**Nic Zurfluh**, Section Manager, Invasive Species, explained the recent contaminated zebra mussels found in moss balls used in aquariums and spoke to their response locally as well as the regional and national response in acting quickly to contain it. He said this is the 12th year of the watercraft inspection program. Last year they performed a record number of inspections. They have extended the season as well as extending the hours of operation at the water craft inspection stations. He said they have support of local law enforcement and the Idaho State Police for each station. The relationships with the surrounding states has increased over the years with coordinated cooperation. He explained the Idaho rapid response plan that aligns with the regional state and the Columbia River Basin Interagency Plan.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #2**  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

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<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission	Gretchen Hyde, Executive Director
	Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission	Teri Murrison, Administrator

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**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 18, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby (Greig), Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Giddings, Nichols, Hanks

**GUESTS:** Gretchen Hyde, Id Rangeland Resources Commission; Daniel Greig

**Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**Gretchen Hyde**, Executive Director of Idaho Rangelands and Resources Commission stated the commission is led by 5 board members appointed by the Governor and each serves a 5 year term. The advisory members include members from several state agencies. Ms. Hyde discussed the budget and revenues for 2020. The assessment fee was set in 1997 and is paid by ranchers and landowners and can be refunded upon request. She explained the IRRC also receives funds from the sale of specialty license plates, trespass fees, and workshops. She explained most trespassing fines are given in the larger urban areas and to this point has not amounted to a large amount of money collected but has increased awareness which is the main goal. In 2020, IRRC conducted virtual and interactive workshops they were able to successfully share with children in the classroom across the state. She said they were able to reach parts of the state they normally would not have had the opportunity to include.

In response to a committee question concerning challenges faced by the IRRC, **Ms. Hyde** said this year they saw an increase in trash, human waste, and simmering fires as more people were spending more time outdoors during the pandemic. She stressed the importance of education concerning private and public lands and showing respect for the land and land owners.

**Teri Murrison**, Administrator for Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, stated their mission is to facilitate coordinated non-regulatory, voluntary and locally led conservation by working with many partners including Idaho's 50 Conservation Districts, Natural Resource Conservation Service and others. Working together they promote voluntary conservation on private lands balancing the economic health of landowners and communities. Ms. Murrison explained the sources of revenue and the expenditures in 2020. She said they provide two types of assistance to the conservation districts including financial and technical assistance and explained how these services were allocated among the districts. The commission has begun a robust outreach process between now and the end of March to brainstorm funding allocation options to determine the preferences of the majority of districts board by board. This past year ISWC loaned out almost \$500,000, a slight increase from the previous year. Although the DEQ reduced the number of TMDL Implementation Plans assigned to them in 2020, 11 plans were completed, seven plans are in progress and five more plans are pending. She thanked the legislature for their support.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW42**  
**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Vice Chairman Andrus, Representatives Boyle, Kerby, Giddings, Marshall, Nichols, Hanks, Cannon, Moon, von Ehlinger, Toone, Ruchti, Mathias  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Kerby, Boyle, Giddings, Nichols, Moon, von Ehlinger,  
**GUESTS:** None  
**MOTION:** **Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
**Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16 and 18, 2021.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**Chairman Kauffman** expressed appreciation to the committee for their support and hard work this session. On behalf of the committee, Chairman Kauffman thanked the Committee Page, **Mayerli Molina** for her work this session and he also thanked the Committee Secretary, **Joan Majors** for her work and support of the Committee.  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Joan Majors  
Secretary