

\*Senate Committee\*

## COMMITTEE MINUTES for AGRICULTURE

Date: *March 4, 2025*

Location: *RM 116*

Convened: *9:55 AM*

Adjourned: *10:15 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Driscoll-CH, Rozenboom-VC, Zimmer-RM, Alons, Bennett, Bisignano, Costello, Guth, Knox, McClintock, Quirnbach, Shipley, Sires, Sweeney, Zumbach

Absent:

Excused: Senator Green

Both parties caucused at 9:30 AM.

Chairwoman Driscoll called the meeting to order at 9:55 AM.

The secretary took roll silently with Senator Green being excused. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as distributed electronically, were moved by Chairwoman Driscoll and approved unanimously.

Chairwoman Driscoll indicated that the committee would be considering three bills: [SF 432](#), [SSB 1158](#), and [SSB 1160](#).

Chairwoman Driscoll called up [SF 432](#) and asked Senator Sweeney for the subcommittee report. Senator Sweeney provided the subcommittee report and was recognized for opening remarks on [SF 432](#). Senator Sweeney gave opening remarks and indicated that there was an amendment (Amendment [SF 432.620](#)).

Chairwoman Driscoll recognized Senator Sweeney for opening comments on Amendment [SF 432.620](#). Senator Sweeney gave opening comments on Amendment [SF 432.620](#). Chairwoman Driscoll then recognized Senator Sweeney for closing remarks on Amendment [SF 432.620](#). Senator Sweeney gave closing comments and moved Amendment [SF 432.620](#). Short form vote was requested for the amendment, and Amendment [SF 432.620](#) passed with 15 yeas and 0 nays (with Senator Green being excused).

Discussion returned to the bill, as amended. Senator Zimmer provided remarks.

Chairwoman Driscoll recognized Senator Sweeney for closing remarks on [SF 432](#), as amended. Senator Sweeney gave closing remarks and moved [SF 432](#), as amended. Chairwoman Driscoll called for the vote on [SF 432](#), as amended, which moved forward as a committee bill under Rule 40 on a short form vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays (with Senator Green being excused).

Chairwoman Driscoll called up [SSB 1158](#) and asked Senator Alons for the subcommittee report. Senator Alons provided the subcommittee report and was recognized for opening comments on [SSB 1158](#). Senator Alons gave opening remarks and indicated that there was an amendment (Amendment [SSB 1158.631](#)).

Chairwoman Driscoll recognized Senator Alons for opening comments on Amendment [SSB 1158.631](#). Senator Alons gave opening comments on Amendment [SSB 1158.631](#) and there was discussion, with Senator Bennett and Senator Zumbach providing comments. Chairwoman Driscoll recognized Senator Alons for closing remarks on Amendment [SSB 1158.631](#). Senator Alons gave closing comments on Amendment [SSB 1158.631](#) and moved the amendment.

Short form vote was requested for the amendment, and the amendment passed with 11 yeas and 4 nays, with Senators Zimmer, Bennett, Bisignano, and Quirnbach voting nay and Senator Green marked as excused.

Discussion returned to the bill, with Senator Bennett and Senator Zimmer providing comments.

Seeing no further discussion, Chairwoman Driscoll recognized Senator Alons for closing remarks on [SSB 1158](#), as amended. Senator Alons gave closing remarks and moved [SSB 1158](#), as amended. Chairwoman Driscoll called for the vote on [SSB 1158](#), as amended. The bill passed on a short form vote: 11 yeas and 4 nays (with Senators Zimmer, Bennett, Bisignano, and Quirnbach voting nay and Senator Green being excused) and moved forward as a committee bill under Rule 40.

Chairwoman Driscoll called up [SSB 1160](#) and asked Senator Sires for the subcommittee report. Senator Sires provided the subcommittee report and was recognized for opening remarks on [SSB 1160](#). Senator Sires gave opening remarks on [SSB 1160](#) and there was discussion, with Senator Zimmer and Senator Shipley providing remarks on the bill. Chairwoman Driscoll recognized Senator Sires for closing remarks on [SSB 1160](#). Senator Sires gave closing remarks and moved [SSB 1160](#). Chairwoman Driscoll called for the vote on [SSB 1160](#). The bill passed on a short form vote: 15 yeas and 0 nays (with Senator Green being excused) and moved forward as a committee bill.

As there was no additional business to come before the committee, Senator Zumbach moved to adjourn at 10:15 AM.

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Senator Dawn Driscoll

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Aubrey Williams, Committee Secretary