
Senate Committee on Natural Resources

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

SENATE BILL 54

Revises provisions relating to the State Board of Agriculture. (BDR 50-263)

Sponsored By: Senate Committee on Natural Resources (On Behalf of the State Department of Agriculture)
Date Heard: February 23, 2021
Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

Senate Bill 54 revises the membership of the State Board of Agriculture without expanding the number of members. The measure removes three members who are actively engaged in range or semirange cattle production and one member actively engaged in range or semirange sheep production. The four new members would be two members actively engaged in livestock production, one member actively engaged in the field of supplemental nutrition distribution, and one member actively engaged in food manufacturing or animal processing. The two members actively engaged in general farming and growing crops which are planted in rows spaced to permit mechanical cultivation would be replaced by two members actively engaged in growing crops, at least one of which is a specialty crop harvested by mechanical cultivation. The measure further requires that the two members who are actively engaged in livestock production and the two members who are actively engaged in growing crops must be residents from different counties.

Each member who is serving on the State Board of Agriculture on June 30, 2022, will continue to serve until the expiration of his or her term or until a vacancy occurs, whichever occurs first. The governor is required to appoint the members representing supplemental nutrition distribution and food manufacturing or animal processing to terms commencing on July 1, 2022.

Amendments: Attached is an amendment submitted subsequent to the hearing of the bill by the director of the State Department of Agriculture in lieu of certain amendments presented at the hearing on February 23, 2021, by the chair of the State Board of Agriculture, the executive vice president of the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation, and the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association.

The attached amendment increases the number of members of the Board from 11 to 13. The amendment provides for the retention of one member each representing range/semirange cattle production and range/semirange sheep production. The amendment deletes one of the proposed two new members to be engaged in livestock production. The amendment adds a member who has veterinary experience in a mixed animal or large animal practice and is a licensed veterinarian in the State of Nevada. The amendment deletes the proposed change to require that the two members who are actively engaged in livestock production and the two members who are actively engaged in growing crops must be residents from different counties.

Special Note: See attached visual aid provided by the Department.



Proposed Amendment – SB54 (2021)

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Purpose of the amendment:

The purpose of this amendment is to revise the submitted language giving consideration to feedback received during the bill presentation to the Senate Natural Resources Committee on February 23rd. The changes include expanding the Board to 13 members, re-introducing the cattle and sheep positions, and introducing a position that is a veterinarian.

FORMATTING EXPLANATION:

- (1) **blue bold italics** is new language in the original bill;
- (2) variations of **green bold underlining** is language proposed to be added in this amendment;
- (3) **red strikethrough** is deleted language in the original bill;
- (4) **purple double strikethrough** is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment;
- (5) **orange double underlining** is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

NRS 561.045 Creation; number and appointment of members.

There is hereby created in the Department a State Board of Agriculture composed of ~~4~~ **13** members appointed by the Governor.

1 **Section 1.** NRS 561.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 561.055 1. ~~{Three members}~~ **The membership** of the Board

3 ~~{must be}~~ **consists of:**

1 (a) ~~Two~~ **One members who are** is actively engaged in ~~{range or~~
2 ~~semirange cattle}~~ **livestock** production. ~~{one in}~~

3 (b) **One member who is actively engaged in** dairy production.

4 ~~{one in range or semirange sheep production, one in general~~
5 ~~farming, one}~~

6 (c) **One member who is actively engaged** in general agriculture.

7 ~~{one in growing crops which are planted in rows spaced to permit~~
8 ~~mechanical cultivation, one}~~

9 (d) **Two members who are actively engaged in growing crops,**

10 *at least one of which is a specialty crop harvested by mechanical*
11 *cultivation.*

12 *(e) One member who is actively engaged in the control of pests.*

13 ~~[, one]~~

14 *(f) One member who is actively engaged in the petroleum*
15 *industry. ~~[and one]~~*

16 *(g) One member who is actively engaged in raising nursery*
17 *stock.*

18 *(h) One member who is working in the field of supplemental*
19 *nutrition distribution.*

20 *(i) One member who is actively engaged in food*
21 *manufacturing or animal processing.*

22 *(j) One member who is actively engaged in semirange/range cattle production.*

23 *(k) One member who is actively engaged in semirange/range sheep production.*

24 *(l) One member who has veterinary experience in a mixed animal*
or large animal practice and is licensed under NRS 638.100.

25 2. Not more than two members may be residents of the same
26 county, ~~and the [range or semirange cattle production] members~~
27 ~~appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 and the~~
28 ~~members appointed pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1~~
~~must be residents of different counties.~~

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11 members (current)

- 3 members engaged in range or semirange cattle production
- 1 member engaged in range or semirange sheep production
- 1 member engaged in growing row crops spaced to permit mechanical cultivation
- 1 member engaged in general farming

1 member engaged in general agriculture

1 member engaged in dairy production

1 member engaged in pest control

1 member engaged in the petroleum industry

1 member engaged in raising nursery stock

13 members (proposed via amendment)

- 1 member engaged in livestock production
- 1 member who has veterinary experience in a mixed animal or large animal practice and is licensed under NRS 638.100
- 1 member actively engaged in semirange/range cattle production *(original language)*
- 1 member actively engaged in semirange/range sheep production *(original language)*
- 2 member engaged in growing crops, at least on of which is a specialty crop harvested by mechanical cultivation
- 1 member who is working in the field of supplemental nutrition distribution
- 1 member who is actively engaged in food manufacturing or animal processing

1 member engaged in general agriculture

1 member engaged in dairy production

1 member engaged in pest control

1 member engaged in the petroleum industry

1 member engaged in raising nursery stock

Blue represents changes from current language to proposed in original bill; Purple represents changes in amendment