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1) I support Speaker Stutes' HB 26 that would allow conflicted BOF and BOG members to enter the discussion of proposed regulations.

I have seen situations at the BOF where the discussion got off the rails due to lack of information and guidance that the conflicted member could have "righted" had they been allowed to participate.

I would MUCH rather see such discussions occur out in the open than in some hidden manner.

A set of rules might have to be developed (over time?) on how much the conflicted member could participate or to what level but some discussion would help save time and money.

You might want to contact Fritz Johnson (Dillingham) who might provide specific details.

I wish I could myself. But I seem to recall a time where Fritz was conflicted out and the board was not taking public inf and we were bouncing in our chairs trying to let the rest of the board know they were in the ditch.

The issue wasn't even important to me but I knew enough about it that I could see the BOF was significantly confused on the situation. It was so frustrating to watch.

I agree that changing the rule should be done carefully but opportunity for the member to speak could very helpful done right.

thank you

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