



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, April 14, 2025
City Council Chambers
680 Park Avenue, Idaho Falls, ID 83402
3:00 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Times listed in parentheses are only estimates.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Municipal Services

Discussion: City Hall Elevator Project and Exterior Design (15)
Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)

Municipal Services

Update: Impact Fee Study (45)
Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)

Mayor and City Council

Mayor and Council Reports: Calendars; Announcements; Events; Reports; Updates; Concerns; Questions; Discussion; Proclamations; Notes or Minutes from Boards and Commissions (10)
Action: Council Direction to Staff (or take other appropriate action)

Executive Session

Called pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (j) to consider labor contract matters authorized under Idaho Code Section 74-206 (A) (1) (a) and (b) and also pursuant to the provisions of Idaho Code Section 74-206 (1) (f) to communicate with legal counsel for the public agency to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation, or controversies not yet being litigated but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

The Council will not reconvene after the executive session.

DATED this 11th day of April 2025

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Emily Geisler, City Clerk



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

March 3rd, 2025

Recreation Center

12:00 Noon

Members in Attendance: B. Combo, B. Lee, B. Nitschke, T. Hersh, M. Hill, C. White, J. Walker, N. Birch, B. Stevens, L. Burtenshaw

Members Not in Attendance: T. Hobson

Call to Order

B. Combo called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes

J. Walker moved to approve the February 3rd minutes. C. White seconded. All were in favor.

Director's Report – P. Holm

P. Holm reported the following:

- P. Holm and board members discussed items included on the report he sent prior to the meeting. Two items in particular were guidelines for streetscapes and a conversation he had with a representative from a company called RentFun that operates locker type systems that can vend recreation equipment like kayaks. P. Holm likes the idea of having rentable kayaks at Gem Lake and/or John's Hole.

Commission Reports

Golf Advisory – T. Hersh

T. Hersh reported the following:

- He voiced his support for the promotion of Sean Thompsen at Pinecrest Golf Course who will be replacing Tim Reinke.
- He mentioned that Tyson Bowen, a golf professional for Parks and Recreation has left to go work for a new company in Idaho Falls called The Tee Box which caters to golfers.
- T. Hersh suggested we hold a big retirement for T. Reinke as he has been our golf professional since 1984.
- If the weather stays mild, he believes the golf courses will open by the end of March. Last year the courses didn't open until the second week of April.

Shade Tree - M. Hill

No updates.

Bonneville County – J. Walker

J. Walker reported the following:

- The county is still grooming 250 miles of trails.
- The snowpack is at 110% right now.
- Craig Daniels, the county Parks and Recreation director, has postponed his retirement to help complete the campground project.

School District 91 – N. Birch

N. Birch reported the following:

- The district is starting spring sports and team tryouts will be conducted the first week of March.
- Winter sports are ending.
- Each District 91 high school had a student win in the wrestling state championship.

School District 93 – T. Hobson (absent)

National Trends on Aging – C. White

C. White reported the following:

- C. White discussed his research on major trends in seniors and outdoor recreation. He found trends in seniors engaging in adventure travel, social activities like group hikes, luxury camping (glamping), wellness retreats, etc. Trends show seniors are becoming more proactive about staying fit and active.
- He also showed stats on outdoor recreation participations rates by age groups and dates from 2013 to 2022, participation by generation, and stats showing popular activities for seniors such as wildlife viewing and fishing. His findings show that in recreation, participation by groups older than 65 years had an average annual growth rate over the past four years of 7.1%, the highest of any age group in outdoor recreation. The takeaway of his findings is that outdoor recreation participation is growing for seniors.
- C. White discussed a recent ride along the greenbelt on his E-bike and the speed of which he noticed scooters, hoverboards, and other bikes traveling on the pathway. This observation was followed by further group discussion about whether a speed limit on greenbelt pathways is feasible without a way to enforce it. There was also a suggestion to install guidance signs with safety tips. L. Burtenshaw reported that she has received numerous complaints from citizens concerned about this issue, and that some of them do not even visit the greenbelt anymore.
- Following this conversation, it was agreed that we will look further into this issue and come up with some ideas for future discussion.

Sports Tourism – B. Combo/B. Lee

They will have an update next month.

Park Conditions and Needs – B. Nitschke

B. Nitschke reported the following:

- B. Nitschke's major efforts have been focused on the June 9th, 2024, near fatal lion incident. He has been able to set up a website to memorialize his report and facilitate its distribution to a much wider audience. The purpose of his report entitled "Idaho Falls Zoo - None Dare Call It Safe" *A Volunteer's Experiences and Musings about Management Failures and Fiascos at the Idaho Falls Zoo* was to not only improve the safety at the local zoo but zoos worldwide.
- He reviewed the January 29th, 2025, Incident Investigation Report and the Lion Incident Executive Summary prepared by David Pennock & Katie Barry. He identified several problems. He stated it was not prepared by independent safety experts, it did not identify the root causes, it did not establish a baseline safety basis, it did not explain why they did what they did, they did not say how much safer the zoo is now, they did not provide evidence of the changes in the procedures, etc. They are doing things like installing additional lighting at the zoo which might be a good idea for several reasons but has nothing to do with this incident and future prevention. It was not clear who reviewed or approved it.
- He identified five major management failures prior to the incident such as the following.

#1. Zoo management failed to properly identify, characterize and manage the risks posed by apex predators.

#2. Failure to recognize the total and complete unreliability of administrative controls for high hazard/dangerous situations.

#3 Failure to learn from past incidents at the zoo and other zoos

#4 Failure to assign a qualified, experienced person to the apex predator keeper position

#5 Failure to staff the emergency response capability

- B. Nitschke would like the commission to read his report and compare it to the report prepared by the zoo staff. The commission can then decide if recommendations should be made to the City Council. P. Holm said he will e-mail both reports to the commissioners for their review.

Adjournment at 1:18 pm.

Next meeting – April 7th, 2025

*Recorded by:
Tracy Sessions, Executive Assistant
Parks & Recreation Dept.*



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. | Willard Arts Center

Board of Directors Attendees: Brandi Newton, Jake Durtschi, Chip Langerak, Kevin Cutler, Lisa Farris, Shanon Taylor

IFDDC Staff: Bryan Chaffin, Kerry Hammon, Lacey Marie, and Juan Hernandez

Guest: Antonio Mesa (Pachanga's), Jordan Rechenmacher and staff from the Idaho Falls Sanitation Division

Topics Discussed:

- **Chip:** Review and approve the meeting minutes from February 11, 2025. Approved and seconded. None opposed.
- **Brandi:** Financial Review
 - Motion to approve. Approved and seconded. None opposed.
- **Bryan:** Introduction of employees from the City of Idaho Falls Sanitation Division who are here to review the new process for the downtown dumpsters.
- **Bryan:** Director's Report
 - We have narrowed down Pay-to-Park vendors and will decide within the next month.
 - We currently have 44 wreath/flower basket/flowerpot sponsorships. Kerry will do additional outreach.
 - Now that we've found the original artwork for the brochure, we can move forward with updating it.
- **Bryan:** Event Update
 - Winter Brew: We had a lot of people attend the event. There were no issues, and everyone appeared to be having a great time.
 - Paddy's on Park planning is in full swing. New this year, IFDDC will be selling merchandise at Paddy's on Park.
- **Lisa Farris:** Façade improvements
 - We have approximately \$75,000 available for façade improvements. C21 High Desert and the new tattoo artist both applied. Bybee's chose not to use the grant money for their signage.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Willard Arts Center.

Reviewed & approved by Bryan Chaffin and the Board of Directors. Respectfully submitted by Kerry Hammon, IFDDC Operations Manager.



Idaho Legislature Adjourns for the Session

The legislature officially adjourned Saturday April 5th. The session saw 488 bills proposed by the House and 220 bills proposed by the Senate.

New laws of most significant for the City of Idaho Falls:

- **HB 436 - [Urban Renewal Legislation](#)**, allows for the dissolution of agencies by a city council, fire districts can opt out of new districts and districts with one major industrial payor can extend the length of time the district operates.
- **HB 40 - [Reduction of Tax Rate](#)**, reduces the income tax rate to 5.3%
- **HB 144 - [Small seller sales tax](#)**, eliminates the requirement for sellers with less than \$5,000 per year in sales from being required to register for a permit or collect the sales tax.
- **HB 180a, [Broadband Permitting](#)**, requires local governments to process broadband permitting in a specific period of time, if not completed in the timeframe than project is deemed approved.
- **HB 206, [EMS Services](#)**, moves the Emergency Medical Services Bureau (EMS) from the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) and relocates it into the Idaho Military Division (IMD), which already coordinates emergency management with state and local government through the Office of Emergency Management.
- **HB266a, [Virtual Inspections](#)**, modernizes Idaho's building inspection process by authorizing live virtual inspections, improving efficiency in permitting and compliance
- **HB 243a, [Childcare Licensing Reform](#)**, creates a number of changes in how childcare is regulated in Idaho both at the state and local level.
- **1083a, [Domestic Wells](#)**, amends Idaho Code regarding Domestic Use Exemption and the use of water in subdivisions. Amends section 42-227 to provide that, in subdivisions within an area that has been designated as a Ground Water Management Area, Critical Ground Water Area, or Moratorium Area, the Domestic Use Exemption will only apply to in-home or stock watering purposes. All other uses, including irrigation, will require an Application for Permit. Amends section 31-3805 to require that community wells within municipal service areas or areas of impact be compatible with the municipal system and that surface water be used for irrigation when available.
- **SB 1144, [Highway Configuration/Bike Ped](#)**, creates new regulatory requirements for how bike and pedestrian amenities can be added to roadways.



- **SB 1164**, [City Permitting Processes](#), creates a timeline cities must adhere to for reviewing commercial and residential building permits to determine the completeness of applications.

Legislation that didn't pass:

The data center legislation that would have limited the sales tax exemption to seven years passed the House but did not go to a third reading in the Senate. Additionally, efforts to modify the **Idaho Launch** program were not passed. Full funding for an additional year of Launch was approved in the Workforce Development Council budget. Bills regarding local option tax, hospitality tax structures and liquor licenses were all introduced throughout the session.

Bill Number	Context	Status	AIC Bill Tracker
H0002	This bill increases ballot initiative vote count thresholds for statewide elections to 60% from the current 50% +1. It currently has 11 legislative co-sponsors in the Idaho House and Senate.	Referred to State Affairs	
H006	The Attorney General has concurrent jurisdiction to investigate and, if necessary, prosecute elected county officials for state crimes committed when acting in their official capacity. This legislation expands the Attorney General's jurisdiction to include elected city officials. The purpose of this legislation is to take advantage of the expertise the Attorney General's Office has developed for investigating and prosecuting cases involving public corruption.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H0007	This legislation amends Idaho Code section 37-2732 regarding controlled substances. A mandatory minimum fine is added for first time convictions of marijuana possession of three (3) ounces, or less, of net weight. Minors are exempt from a minimum fine for misdemeanor possession.	LAW	
H0012	This legislation expands on current code where foreign governments will now be prohibited from purchasing any Idaho forest land, in addition to the already prohibition in purchasing agricultural land, water rights, mining claims or mineral rights. Any foreign adversary is also under the same prohibitions, but under this legislation, the foreign adversary that owns any of these lands or resources must sell within 180 days of notice. If they do not sell, the land or resources will be sold by judicial foreclosure. Also, no foreign adversary may purchase or lease any property within the certain geographic boundaries to establish secure military operations areas.	Referred to State Affairs	
H0014	It requires state agencies to review their titles and chapters of Idaho Code for unnecessary, obsolete, and outdated provisions, and to report to the Legislature by September 1, 2025, their recommendations for the removal of such provisions.	LAW	
H0017	The proposal aimsto improve and stabilize the market through the creation of an Idaho Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Stabilization Pool and board. It is modeled after mitigation pools and programs in other states. It will provide grants to assist consumers in hardening their homes for the risk of fires, and also look for other ways to utilize the non-general fund sources to stabilize the property insurance market in Idaho.	Referred to Business Committee	
H0018	Thislegislation preemptstlocal governmentsfrom imposing any requirementsto install or maintain EV charging stations or parking spaces at their facilities	Referred to Business Committee	

H0024	This bill establishes labeling requirements for alternative animal protein products sold in Idaho, such as lab-grown meat and insect-based proteins. It mandates clear front-of-package disclosures, specifies ingredient listing standards, and outlines penalties for non-compliance, with enforcement managed by the Idaho Department of Agriculture	Referred to Agricultural Affairs	
H0025	This legislation gradually increases the amount for the Transportation Expansion Congestion Mitigation program (“TECM”) over a period of 3 years. Additionally, it ensures that local units of government continue to receive \$45 million dollars for local roads every year.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H0032	The purpose of this legislation is to prevent the State of Idaho, it's political subdivisions, or any state officers from mandating the use of face masks, face shields, or other face coverings as a means to prevent or slow the spread of a contagious or infectious disease	LAW	
H0033	This proposed legislation allows for electronic publication on the state controller’s website for public notices (including public works projects) and other publications required by law. It directs the state controller to facilitate electronic publications in a staggered implementation schedule. It also directs the state controller to create the ability for users to subscribe and receive push notifications – including those filtered to a geographic location. Finally, it clarifies that notices sent through mail may be included in a regular mailing such as a utility billing.	LAW	
H0039	Idaho Parental Choice Tax Credit - tax credit up to \$5,000 for a parent/guardian for an eligible student K-12 grade. Ran through the Tax Commission, maximum of \$50 Million expense from general fund, \$125K programming and coding costs, 2 FTEs hired at Tax.	Referred to Rev and Tax	
H0040	First, it reduces Idaho’s flat income tax rate on individuals and corporations from 5.695% to 5.3%. Second, it expands Idaho’s income tax exemption on U.S. military pension income to include certain disabled veterans under age 62, all veterans aged 62-64, and undisable veterans under age 62 who are also employed and earn sufficient income to owe federal income taxes. And third, it removes capital gains and losses for both precious metal bullion and monetized bullion from the calculation of state income taxes.	LAW	
H0045	A government entity may only display US Government flags - state, city flag, military flags, POW flag and official tribal flags.	Referred to State Affairs	

H0051	This legislation increases the professional services fee limit from \$50,000 to \$100,000 before requiring a formal request for qualification process. This requested revision is commensurate with the significant inflationary increases related to the construction industry.	Referred to Commerce and Human Services	
H0052	This legislation increases the estimated project cost dollar limit from \$100,000 to \$200,000 at which point the bid process changes from an informal bid to a formal written competitive bid process.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H0056	This legislation increases the estimated project cost dollar limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000 before requiring a written competitive bid process	LAW	
H0058	Medicaid Expansion repeal act	referred to Health and Welfare	
H0061	Currently the grocery tax credit is \$120.00 per person or \$140.00 for individuals 65 and older. This legislation will increase the grocery tax credit for all individuals to \$155.00 starting in the fiscal year of 2026. Additionally, this legislation will give Idaho income tax filers the option to take the \$155 tax credit per person, or to receive a full refund of all taxes paid on groceries up to \$250.00 per person by itemizing their grocery expenses on their annual income tax returns.	Referred to Rev and Tax	
H0063	Foreign countries may not purchase forest land or any state assets.	Referred to State Affairs	
H0074	This legislation provides an additional \$100 million of property tax relief to Idahoans. \$50 million of property tax relief will be provided through the School Facilities Fund as established in HB 292 of the 2023 legislative session. An additional \$50 million in property tax relief will be provided in the homeowner property tax relief account that was also established in HB 292 of the 2023 legislative session.	Referred to Rev and Tax	
H0075	This bill would create a fund to support public education facilities. Moneys in the fund shall be distributed as a need-based grant to school districts for the purposes of financing construction, remodel, and maintenance of school facilities	Referred to Education Committee	
H0084	Allows cities to enter into the health insurance pool with the Office of Government Insurance to provide insurance to employees to reduce costs.	Referred to State Affairs	

H0086	Prevents local governments from requiring electric vehicle charging stations in new parking lots	LAW	
H0093	The Idaho Parental Choice Tax Credit legislation provides for a refundable tax credit up to \$5,000 for a parent, guardian or foster parent who incurs qualified education expenses for an eligible student. "Qualified expenses" include kindergarten through twelfth grade tuition and fees related to attending a nonpublic school, tutoring, taking assessments used to determine college admission, costs for textbooks, curriculum, and transportation costs for the purpose of receiving academic instruction.	LAW	
HB102aaS	This legislation provides for an alternate first step for a recreation district to be dissolved by allowing a majority of the district's board to submit a petition to the county. Currently, the only path is to file a petition signed by at least 20% of the qualified electors in the district. In either route, the dissolution would still go before the voters.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H00127	Requires that use of AI in communications used in trade or commerce be disclosed to the consumer.	Printing	
H00140	Exempts Idaho from Daylight Savings Time	Printing	
HB0142	Periodic growth in budget numbers due to inflationary pressures and economic activity naturally require adjustments in nominal statutory thresholds such as, in this case, audit requirements. This legislation adjusts those nominal values to be more reflective of the original real dollar threshold amounts.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H0144	This legislation eliminates the requirement to get a permit or collect the sales tax for sellers that have sales less than \$5,000 per year	LAW	
HB154	Virtual inspections	Referred to Business Committee	
H0166	Electronic notification on the state controller's website for public notices	passed House, Senate state affairs	AIC Tracker
H0167	Adds use of Eminent Domain for electric distribution and transmission lines	Referred to State Affairs	

H0170	This legislation expands the Broadband Advisory Board to include one nonvoting broadband experienced member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one nonvoting broadband experienced member appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. It also provides for an independent third party to conduct any grant award process.	Referred to Environment, Energy and Tech	
HB171a,aas	This legislation changes the scope of County-based and City-based commerce authority. It includes the opportunity for authorities to help fund facilities that may encompass utility services, including water and sewer facilities. It does exclude all electrical energy facilities and transmittal.	LAW	AIC Tracker
HB174aas	This legislation fully repeals Chapter 18, Title 49, in Idaho Code and creates a new chapter relating to the towing and storage of motor vehicles. This legislation aims to offer clear guidance and promote consistency among Idaho Law enforcement, towing companies, lenders and the Idaho Transportation Department.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H0180a	This bill seeks to resolve that problem by requiring local permitting agencies to make decisions on broadband and other telecommunication projects within a set period of time. The agencies are not required to approve the projects, but they are required to make decisions. If they fail to make decisions within the set timeline, the projects are deemed approved	LAW	
H0192	This language revises the allocation of nonresident deer and elk tags, specifically setting aside a percentage for outfitted hunters. The bill establishes a structured allocation system for tags in both general and controlled hunts, ensuring a proportion of nonresident tags are reserved for outfitted clients. Additionally, it mandates recalculations of outfitter allocations every two years based on historical use.	Referred to Resources and Conservation	

HB206	This bill moves the Emergency Medical Services Bureau (EMS) from the Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) and relocates it into the Idaho Military Division (IMD), which already coordinates emergency management with state and local government through the Office of Emergency Management. All existing EMS programs at DHW (except the Public Health Preparedness and Response Program) will be moved effective July 1, 2025. The DHW Director and the Adjutant General at the Military Division will work together to coordinate the transfer of EMS services. The law sunsets the EMS program's rulemaking authority on and after July 1, 2027, and expresses the intent of the legislature that the EMS program propose the codification of any necessary EMS rules in the chapter created in this bill before the adjournment sine die of the first regular session of the 69th Idaho Legislature.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H0228	Requires public comment time in general or on each agenda item for all public meetings. Also requires that all public meetings be accessible via phone or online, video conference.	Referred to State Affairs	
HB232	All hunts will be capped at 10% nonresident participation. This legislation also seeks to deregulate the outfitting industry by ending the allocation of elk and deer tags, and providing them a marketing opportunity to tag buyers who opt in.	Referred to Resources and Conservation	
H0243a	Childcare Licensing bill, • Clarifies the definition of "supervision" so there is a common standard across the state; • Provides clarity to new providers who apply to the Department of Health and Welfare for a license; • Recognizes the diverse types of providers by allowing for age-appropriate, community-appropriate and provider-appropriate approaches to ratios of adults to children; • Requires a review of existing administrative rules for the childcare program and tells DHW to bring legislation in 2026 to put the rules into code. • Eliminates the current two-tier regulatory system for childcare, placing licensing responsibility at the state level.	LAW	

HB253aaS,aaS	The purpose of this legislation is to allow state and local governments additional time to respond to requests for public records from nonresidents, and to allow a different fee schedule to fulfill nonresident fee requests. Nonresident public records requests would need to be fulfilled within 30 days, subject to extension for unusual or exigent circumstances. The fee schedule for nonresident record requests would be allowed to be commensurate with actual costs of the agency from start to finish of request fulfillment.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H0255	URA modifications bill, opt out for Fire and Ambulance districts, allows City Councils to dissolve urban renewal agencies	Referred to Rev and Tax	
H0262	This language revises the allocation of nonresident deer and elk tags, specifically setting aside a percentage for outfitted hunters. The bill establishes a structured allocation system for tags in both general and controlled hunts, ensuring a proportion of nonresident tags are reserved for outfitted clients. Additionally, it mandates recalculations of outfitter allocations every two years based on historical use.	Referred to House Resources and Conservation	
H0266a, aaS	This bill modernizes Idaho's building inspection process by authorizing live virtual inspections, improving efficiency in permitting and compliance. It allows state and local government inspectors to conduct live virtual inspections, using electronic or visual aids, reducing delays while maintaining safety standards. However, virtual inspections are restricted for structural assessments of buildings three stories or higher to ensure structural integrity. Additionally, the bill establishes inspection timeliness requirements. If an inspection request is not completed within 15 business days, the permit holder may hire a third-party inspector, with costs reimbursed by the responsible government entity. It also provides a fee refund mechanism, ensuring that if an inspection fails but no reason is provided within three days, the permit holder receives a 10% refund of applicable fees. These provisions promote accountability, efficiency, and fairness in Idaho's building inspection system.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H0269	Effectively sunsets Idaho Launch in 2025	Referred to Commerce and Human Services	
H0276	Requires out-of-state small brewers to have a physical presence in Idaho. Wholesalers are required to have physical warehouses in the state for distribution. Any brewer with less than 30,000 barrels of beer per year.	LAW	

H0281	There has been notable escalation of direct assault on peace officers in Idaho. The title of this legislation will memorialize two Idaho officers that were lost in the line of duty of protecting us all. Criminals need to know that the most extreme penalties will be applied if they assault peace officers in Idaho. We need to step up and do what we can to protect our peace officers against the criminality that is escalating in the state. The current law for committing battery with intent to commit a serious felony, the punishment shall be imprisonment in the state prison not to exceed twenty-five (25) years. Idaho needs to send a clear message to criminals that assault on our peace officers will bring the most severe punishment. This legislation will now make a crime against a peace officer, where punishment shall be a fixed term of imprisonment of fifteen (15) years with a possible maximum term of life. Currently, if the death penalty is not sought, the court shall impose a life sentence with a minimum of confinement of not less than ten (10) years. In the case of murder of a peace officer, this legislation will put the minimum of not less than thirty-five (35) years.	Referred to Judiciary, Rules & Administration	AIC Tracker
H0297	State based agricultural Guest Worker program. This legislation creates a state-based, year-round agricultural guest worker program. The federal government's failure to find a resolution to this issue requires that states seek state-based solutions. The Department of Labor is assigned responsibility for implementing and administering a guest-worker program to provide year-round agricultural labor. Defined agricultural work includes farming, ranching, dairy operations, and processing of agricultural products. Eligible individuals must reside in Idaho, have never been refused admission to the country or deported previously, complete a background check and submit fingerprints, and verify no prior felony convictions. Employers must also register with the department to employ guest workers.	Referred to Agricultural Affairs	
H0300	Dig Once - requirement on broadband infrastructure considerations	Referred to Transportation and defense	
H0304	Property Tax Relief - \$100 Million in funding for the School Facilities Fund and Homeowners Property Tax Relief.	LAW	
H0312	~~This bill moves 19 sections of IDAPA 16.06.03 relating to Daycare Licensing into code.~~ This inserts into statute a long-standing administrative rule and returns legislative authority to the elected lawmakers	LAW	AIC Tracker

H0315	Data center - Most businesses in Idaho pay a sales tax on business purchases and deduct the expense on income tax returns. In 2019, data centers that cost at least \$250 million and provide at least 30 jobs received a full sales tax exemption for their servers and related consumer equipment. The exemption never ends so future expenses are exempt. Data centers use a lot of water and electric resources and do not create many jobs except during construction. This legislation provides that the exemption is good for 7 years after the exemption is first issued. Those who presently have the exemption are not affected. After 7 years the sales tax revenues must be remitted by the data center owners to the tax relief fund for the benefit of the people of Idaho. - Amended to include anyone with exemption prior to March 1, 2025 is grandfathered in.	Did not pass the Senate	
H0317	excise tax on height for wind energy - \$25K per foot for wind turbines. Would eliminate utility scale wind projects.	Referred to rev and tax	
	Any transmission project with eminent domain needs would be required to sell and offer 3/4 of power generated to Idaho Customers, Draft legislation		
H0329	This proposed legislation would replace the property tax on electric utilities with a tax based on kilowatt hours sold. It also would replace the property tax on gas companies with a tax based on therms sold.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H0345	New legislative limitations on medicaid. Amends, repeals, and adds to existing law to provide that legislative approval is required for certain state plan amendments and waivers and to provide legislative approval for certain state plan amendments and waivers.	LAW	
H0364	Creates a state DOGE task force	Did not pass Senate	
H0369	Adds to existing law to require taxing districts to hold a hearing and provide certain notices to taxpayers before increasing the budget from property tax revenue from the previous year.	Sent to Rev and Tax	

H0375	Provides for a local option tax up to 2% as approved by voters. Equivalent amount of funds must be deducted from property tax budget. Tax is only able to be in effect for four years. Legislation sunsets auditorium districts by 2031.	Printed	
H0377	The purpose of this legislation is to bring Idaho Statute 34-1702 into line with Idaho Statute 50-707A. Statute 50-707A(4) requires that when Idaho cities reach a population greater than 100,000 inhabitants as of the last decennial census, that districts within the city shall be established, and one candidate residing in each district shall be elected to the city council. This legislation establishes that a recall petition against a city council member may be filed with the county clerk that is signed by twenty percent (20%) of registered electors that were eligible to vote in the city council member's district in the last election.	LAW	AIC Tracker
H0384	Creation of a Idaho Wildfire Risk Mitigation Fund - provide grants for consumers to mitigate fire risk.	Referred to Business	AIC Tracker
H0388	This legislation establishes a county property tax relief fund and authorizes the board of county commissioners to seek voter approval to establish a county option transient room sales tax. If approved by county voters, a local sales tax of up to 3% on hotel, motel, vacation rental, and private campground rentals would be assessed. At least 50% of tax revenues will be directed to provide property tax relief, with no more than 50% of tax revenues dedicated to public safety services.	Referred to Rev and Tax	
H0395a	Entities that need more than 30MW of power must pay full cost of energy generated and may obtain energy from a third party.	Did not pass Senate	
H0397	This legislation updates the existing requirement that all secondary students demonstrate that they have met the state civics and government standards through the successful completion of the civics test as a graduation requirement. Rather than taking a "civics test" determined at the local level and based on the 100-question naturalization assessment, the new "civics test" will be developed by the State Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education. This legislation outlines the components of the Idaho content standards in American government that must be included in this new test. This requirement would apply to all secondary students beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. Students graduating prior to January 1, 2029 who have satisfied the previous civics requirement prior	LAW	AIC Tracker
HB406	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding a property tax exemption for certain low-income housing owned by nonprofit organizations.	Referred to Rev and Tax	

HB407	This legislation amends the Community Infrastructure District (CID) Act to allow a district to be formed within a county with the approval of the county. Additionally, this legislation allows a CID for the purposes of financing for fire protection and emergency medical service. Such financing is limited to 5 years	Referred to Rev and Tax	
HB436	Amends and adds to existing law to provide for the dissolution of urban renewal agencies and termination of urban renewal plans and to allow fire protection districts and ambulance service districts to opt out of certain urban renewal financing provisions. Allows life extension of district with one main industrial user.	LAW	
HB437	COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE DISTRICTS – Amends existing law to provide that a community infrastructure district may be formed within a county with the approval of the county.	Sent to General Orders	
HB447	EDUCATION – Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the Idaho Launch Grant Program and the In-Demand Careers Fund.	Referred to Education	
HB 461	Amends the Launch program to focus on 2 year schools and specific 4 year degrees	Did not pass Senate	

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This bill clarifies that projects being constructed within the State of Idaho are governed by Idaho law and procedures. This important distinction protects Idaho companies from being forced to include irrelevant standards or requirements established by other states in their Idaho work. It also ensures that Idaho companies maintain the right to pursue relief in Idaho should it be necessary to do so	LAW	
Streamlines licensing of hospitals - if a facility is licensed by CMS they will be deemed licensed by State of Idaho	LAW	
This legislation provides that if a lawsuit alleging nuisance is filed against a lawfully conducted agricultural operation and the agriculture operator prevails, then they are entitled to recover their attorney's fees. It also provides fines and penalties for filing multiple meritless complaints with applicable state and local agencies.	LAW	
Revision on process for commercial use of state lands. Will require compliance with local zoning authority. Revenues generated are not exempt from public disclosure	Did not pass House	
Recognizing that computation is a form of personal expression, this legislation protects free speech by prohibiting governmental entities from regulating artificial intelligence in various ways thereby keeping the development of the technology open to everyone	Referred to State Affairs	
This legislation clarifies current statute to ensure that persons may contract with non-franchised solid waste providers for temporary waste collection containers	LAW	AIC Tracker
Amends existing law to provide that cities with 25,000 residents or less may provide for election of councilmen by districts and that cities with greater than 25,000 residents shall provide for the election of councilmen by districts.	Referred to State Affairs	
This legislation amends Idaho Code regarding Domestic Use Exemption and the use of water in subdivisions. Specifically, the legislation: 1. Amends section 42-111 to allow multiple exempt domestic uses to be combined into a single well. This only applies to in-home water use. 2. Amends section 42-227 to provide that, in subdivisions within an area that has been designated as a Ground Water Management Area, Critical Ground Water Area, or Moratorium Area, the Domestic Use Exemption will only apply to in-home or stockwatering purposes. All other uses, including irrigation, will require an Application for Permit. 3. Creates section 42-1701B to provide a streamlined process for ensuring compliance with domestic use exemption requirements. 4. Amends section 31-3805 to require that community wells within municipal service areas or areas of impact be compatible with the municipal system and that surface water be used for irrigation when available.	LAW	AIC Tracker

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This legislation repeals the existing Idaho Waste Tire Disposal Act and replaces it with the Idaho Waste Tire and Recycling Act. The revised act removes dated and obsolete sections of the Waste Tire Disposal Act and establishes a new waste tire recycling fee of fifty cents (\$.50) for three (3) years for each tire sold in the State. Fees collected from the sale of new tires are collected and deposited into the fund by the State Tax Commission. The fund is to be administered by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for a pilot project that has three purposes: (1) to clean up abandoned waste tire piles located in various locations throughout the State; (2) to provide for partial reimbursement for the costs of transporting, processing, and recycling waste tires generated within the State; and, (3) provide funding to the Department of Environmental Quality to administer the act. Monies in the fund may only be expended subject to legislative appropriation. The fee has a three-year sunset clause. The act requires the department to annually provide for a detailed report on the project for three (3) years. To date, the department has identified 22 abandoned waste tire piles across the State.	Referred to Health & Welfare	AIC Tracker
This bill expands opportunities for Idaho credit unions to accept additional state deposits beyond the federally insured amount of \$250,000 set by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund. Currently, Idaho Code limits credit unions' ability to take State deposits beyond this federally insured amount, with the cap originally established in 1986. Expanding this opportunity will allow funds to remain in the state to be reinvested in Idaho communities and Idaho citizens. Additionally, the bill requires credit unions that accept deposits greater than the insured amount to collateralize all funds beyond the insured limit. This collateral will protect taxpayer dollars by ensuring that State funds are secured. The collateral will be negotiated between the credit union and the public entity	LAW	AIC Tracker
Appropriations bill for economic development activities including Dept of Commerce	LAW	
Appropriations for Workforce Dev Council including Launch	LAW	
This bill updates the procurement statutes regarding the bid thresholds for public works construction projects and procuring personal property or services in political subdivisions. The adjustments to these thresholds reflect the effects of inflation and the rising costs associated with construction projects.	LAW	AIC Tracker
This legislation adds the term "imminent danger" as a clarifying condition for policing agencies to take someone into custody if there is reason to believe they have a neurocognitive disorder and they present an imminent danger to themselves or others.	LAW	AIC Tracker

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This legislation calls for an additional \$30 million in ongoing investments for water infrastructure. These funds will continue a statewide approach to responsible water management that maintains and secures Idaho's water. Projects include but are not limited to aquifer recharge, groundwater management, development and rehabilitation of water storage and conveyance system, water supply and delivery improvements, and emergency water infrastructure repairs. No more than 50% of the funds may be used in one of the four water board districts unless there are no competing applications in other districts during the fiscal year. Annual reports to the Governor and Legislature are required, and funds may be combined with other sources to leverage additional funding.	Referred to Resources & Conservation	AIC Tracker
The purpose of this legislation is to allow established caterers in Idaho to obtain liquor licenses for individual catered events, regardless of local population-based liquor license caps. This bill defines "established caterers" as businesses that have operated for at least five years and cater at least 25 events per year. It ensures that liquor sales at catered events are conducted in compliance with local licensing authority regulations and that such licenses are used strictly for catering purposes, not for operating a bar or lounge.	Referred to State Affairs	
This legislation will allow the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council the ability to certify individuals previously convicted of certain felonies. Currently anyone ever convicted of any felony shall not be certified by POST. This legislation will allow the POST Council to review and make decisions on certification on individuals not convicted of felonies listed in Idaho Code § 18-310 (2). This will change it from "shall not be certified" to "may not be certified" for other felonies.	LAW	AIC Tracker
Senate trans 1144 - bike ped infrastructure bill	LAW	
This is a trailer bill to H 0206 (Emergency Medical Services Bill). This bill removes the requirement of a county-endorsed application.	LAW	AIC Tracker
This legislation clarifies existing Idaho law protecting the private property rights of Idaho homeowners by ensuring the right to rent their property is maintained. This legislation protects property owners by allowing local governments to regulate short-term rentals only in cases where it is in the interest of B5public health and safety. In addition, the legislation calls for safety disclosures by property owners and allows for local jurisdictions to license short-term rentals	Failed on the Senate Floor	
This legislation limits regulation by local government on short term rentals in Idaho thereby providing increased lodging availability for tourists to Idaho and increased revenue for Idaho's tourist industry	Senate Loc. Gov	
Requires cities to approve completeness of building permit applications in 20 days for commercial and 10 days for residential.	LAW	
LIQUOR – Adds to existing law to establish provisions regarding licenses issued to city restaurants.	Referred to State Affairs	

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SRC103	The proposed legislation intends to establish a Legislative Interim Committee on housing which will complete a comprehensive review of local land use regulations and their impact on housing affordability and availability. This effort will include evaluating city comprehensive plans and zoning and ultimately seek to identify opportunities to reduce regulatory building costs and waiting times, and provide greater flexibility in housing development.	Signed by Speaker Moyle and delivered to Secretary of State	AIC Tracking
SRC107	The Legislature calls on state agencies, the Governor, and municipal governments to collaborate and advance local interests by recognizing that Idaho's cities are economic and service hubs for the majority of our residents, maintain critical infrastructure and public safety resources, and drive innovative solutions to community-specific challenges; the Legislature further encourages collaboration that respects local decision-making and promotes policies addressing housing, transportation, and public safety while upholding the ability of municipal governments to effectively meet the unique needs of their communities	Referred to Local Government	AIC Tracking
HCR011	This concurrent resolution encourages cities, counties, and other local governing bodies to support young entrepreneurs by reducing regulatory barriers that may discourage minors from starting small businesses. The resolution recognizes that youth-run businesses - such as lemonade stands, lawn care services, and craft sales - teach valuable real-world skills, instill a strong work ethic, and foster community engagement. By simplifying processes and eliminating permitting and licensure fees for these small ventures, local governments can promote entrepreneurship, innovation, and economic participation among young Idahoans. The resolution further emphasizes that hard working and enterprise are foundational to the American dream and that empowering youth to start businesses contributes to the long-term prosperity of communities. It calls on local governments to adopt policies that encourage youth entrepreneurship while maintaining appropriate public health and safety standards. Additionally, it suggests that cities and counties provide opportunities for youth entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services through community events, fairs, and markets.	Signed by President and delivered to Secretary of State	AIC Tracking