

## IAC Legislative Committee

March 20, 2024 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm MST

700 W. Washington St. Boise, ID

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### **Call to Order** | *Vice Chair Tom Dayley*

*Chair Don Hall motioned to approve the March 13, 2024 minutes. Nez-Perce Commissioner Doug Zenner seconded. Motion passed.*

#### **Prioritize Resolutions**

- **H0530 Emergency Communications Fee (no update needed):** No update.
- **H0658 Hospital Property Tax Exemption:** New version of this bill is being RS'd today. Hoping to have it introduced by the end of the week so a full hearing can be had by next week. Chairman appears comfortable with the bill, but awaiting the hospital's opinions.
- **S1403 Area of Impact Agreements:** Advanced out of the Senate. Initially scheduled for a hearing late last week, but has been pulled from the agenda. Awaiting a new hearing, but it looks like it may get caught up in the last hustle of the session. Going to sit tight and hope things pan out, but if not, will take further steps.
- **S1416 Essential Emergency Medical Services:** This bill passed the Senate yesterday, however there is concern that it may be routed to a committee different from the one initially anticipated. Awaiting to hear where this bill gets routed, and will strategize further based upon the outcome. The vote was 26-9 in the Senate.

#### **IAC Policies**

- **County Travel + Convention Tax (no update needed):** No update needed. Will probably be set aside for the remainder of the session, and it will be worked on during the interim.

#### **Updates**

- **H0508 PERSI, Rule of 80 (SUPPORT):** Signed by the governor and is now law.
- **H0521 Taxation, School Facilities, and Funds (SUPPORT):** This bill is part of some other trailer bills, which don't have an effect on this bill, but it will probably hang around until the other trailer bills are introduced and worked through.

- **H0571 Public Works Exemptions (SUPPORT):** Signed by the governor and put into law. Can be removed from the agenda.
- **H0588 Public Records Request Deadlines (SUPPORT):** To the governor, awaiting signature. There doesn't appear to be any issues with this moving forward.
- **H0593 PTO for Employees Hired by State Public Defender (SUPPORT):** To the governor, awaiting signature. Also appears to have no issues moving forward.
- **H0608 Agricultural Protection Areas:** With the amendments proposed, the farm bureau agrees with the amendments and it looks like there is a path forward for this bill.
- **H0620aa Knives Pre-emption (OPPOSITION):** Amended in the House to address concerns of the sheriffs, courts, schools, etc. It was sent out of State Affairs with a do-pass recommendation. Federal law provides protection for artists and concerts if they wish to prohibit knives in their events.
- **H0625 Equalization of Assessments (OPPOSITION):** Held in committee, and a replacement bill is coming.
- **H0638a Strategic Initiative Grants, LHTAC (SUPPORT):** LHTAC more suited to handle this kind of grant process for where those funds need to go. Proposes that large urban areas provide 20% match for any funds received pursuant to the strategic initiatives grants. Passed out of the House transportation committee with a do-pass recommendation.
- **H0646 Counties, Boundaries (SUPPORT):** Moving forward. It has passed the House, cleared the Senate committee and is awaiting a whole Senate vote.
- **H0651 Sheriff Reimbursement (SUPPORT):** Still in the mix and process of the session, and currently unsure of where this bill may go.
- **H0697 Public Defender, Sick Time (SUPPORT):** Waiting a hearing in Senate commerce, but it will likely move forward with no issues.
- **H0702 Rate-Regulated Utilities:** Being pulled by the sponsors and a new bill is being RS'd in the morning. The new bill has some improvements, establishing a kilowatt hour tax of 0.00112, applied by total kilowatts sold to Idaho customers. It would generate roughly the same amount of property tax paid by the three utility companies in the past five years. These dollars will be traded as property tax replacement money, so they will be included in the 3% to ensure there is not a budget capacity reduction over time. The way it is drafted right now, it appears to address all of the concerns that have been brought up. As soon as final language is available, it will be circulated with the committee. \*roughly \$24 million dollars will be generated with this legislation, which is very similar to the property taxes paid over the past five years.
- **H0717 Homestead Exemption Status (OPPOSITION):** Heard yesterday in Rev & Tax and has been changed, but not enough to make it better for the counties. The committee yesterday had three different motions (one to send to floor without recommendation, another to hold the bill in committee, and a third substitute amended motion to send it to general orders for amendments). The third substitute amendment motion is the one that passed and it was sent to general orders. Discussed language changes still don't adjust some of the main issues of the bill (burden of proof for the assessor, changing evidence required from assessor to clear and compelling evidence, which is a higher standard). Language was sent out to assessors to get more

feedback. In a particular Texas county, the burden of proof change was applied to the assessors and as a result, commercial properties in Texas were at 20,000 and 15,000 of those were protested with 5000 formal hearings. This is not even counting residential properties. The effect that this would have on counties would be profound, possibly to the extent of creating an entire separate office to handle the influx that would result from firms submitting protests on behalf of a variety of property owners.

*Minidoka Commissioner Wayne Schenk motioned to oppose H0717. Nez-Perce Commissioner Doug Zenner seconded. Motion passed.*

- **S1258 Public Rights-of-Way (OPPOSITION):** Still has not come back since its last appearance in the House transportation committee schedule. AG opinion was problematic and hopefully this bill continues to sit and not come back.
- **S1365aa Next of Kin Database (SUPPORT):** Heading for the governor's office awaiting his signature. No anticipation that something will go wrong.
- **S1367 Public Defense Guardian Ad Litem Fund (SUPPORT):** Senator Lee said that it is sitting on their third reading calendar, and it is still awaiting a hearing in the Senate, but H0521 is being held on the Senate floor. As soon as H0521 moves, then S1367 will move, so it is a bit of a waiting game.
- **S1420 Solid Waste Disposal Sites (OPPOSITION):** Was supposed to have a hearing yesterday, but Senator sponsor Schroeder has changed his opinion after getting information about its impact on counties. Senator Hartog (new sponsor) has made it clear that amendments are willing to be made, i.e. exclude counties that are at a population of 200,000 or less in terms of the flow control language. However, it was made clear that the bidding and flow control language are still an issue regardless of population exclusion language.

**New Legislation**

- Anticipation of new bills introduced this week, but at the moment there is no new legislation to weigh in on.

**Open Discussion**

- H0506 short term rentals bill is essentially dead for the year, and will likely not make it off general orders.

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### MEMBERSHIP

\*MEMBERS HIGHLIGHTED WERE IN ATTENDANCE

<b>CHAIR</b> <b>Don Hall</b> <i>Twin Falls Commissioner</i>		<b>VICE CHAIR</b> <b>Tom Dayley</b> <i>Ada Commissioner</i>	
<b>Luke Omodt</b> <i>District 1: Bonner Commissioner</i>	<b>Mark Bair</b> <i>District 5: Bingham Commissioner</i>	<b>Annette Dygert</b> <i>LACT: Owyhee Treasurer</i>	
<b>Tom Lamar</b> <i>District 2: Latah Commissioner</i>	<b>Brent Mendenhall</b> <i>District 6: Madison Commissioner</i>	Vic Pearson <i>IPAA: Franklin Prosecutor</i>	

<p><b>Sherry Maupin</b> <i>District 3: Valley Commissioner</i></p> <p><b>Wayne Schenk</b> <i>District 4: Minidoka Commissioner</i></p>	<p><b>Hollie Ann Strang</b> <i>IACA: Gem Assessor</i></p> <p><b>Doug Zenner</b> <i>IACC: Nez Perce Commissioner</i></p> <p><b>Kim Keeley</b> <i>IACRC: Teton Clerk</i></p>	<p>Kieran Donahue <i>ISA: Canyon Sheriff</i></p> <p><b>Scott Carver</b> <i>ISACC: Valley Coroner</i></p>

**ALTERNATES**

<p>Phil Lampert <i>District 1: Benewab Commissioner</i></p> <p>Justin McCleod <i>District 2: Lewis Commissioner</i></p> <p>Zachary Brooks <i>District 3: Canyon Assessor</i></p> <p>Ben Crouch <i>District 4: Jerome Commissioner</i></p>	<p><b>Donavan Harrington</b> <i>District 5: Bingham Assessor</i></p> <p>Shayne Young <i>District 6: Jefferson Commissioner</i></p> <p><b>Josh Dison</b> <i>IACA: Elmore Assessor</i></p> <p>Angie Barkell <i>IACRC: Owyhee Clerk</i></p>	<p>Tracie Lloyd <i>IAC: Canyon Treasurer</i></p> <p>Vacant <i>IPAA:</i></p> <p><b>Andy Creech</b> <i>ISA: Payette Sheriff</i></p> <p>Pam Garlock <i>ISACC: Boise Coroner</i></p>
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**\*More attendees listed below**

**IAC Staff**

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