

## IAC Legislative Committee

March 19th, 2025 | 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**

*Bingham Assessor Donovan Harrington motioned to approve the March 12th, 2025 minutes. Owyhee Treasurer Annette Dygert seconded. Motion passed.*

#### **Priorities**

##### **H0166 | Public Notices**

- This bill at the moment doesn't appear to have the traction to move forward, but it is still being worked on.

##### **H0267 | Boards of Commissioners**

- This bill was voted to be held in committee.

##### **H0388 | Tourism Tax**

- This bill has not yet had a hearing, but it sounds like the Speaker and Majority Leader of the House want to combine H0388, H0407, and an additional bill (unknown at the time) and push them all together through the legislature. No anticipated date for when this bill will be heard but updates will come.

##### **IGA-13 | Public Defense Reform**

- There is a draft being introduced this afternoon in Senate Jud & Rules. Senator Lakey is the sponsor of the bill. There are some good pieces in the bill for counties, unfortunately accompanied by some 'not so good' pieces. It would require the counties to pay for facility related expenses, such as utilities, cleaning, etc. However, it does include intent language so that the State will begin in 2027, pulling public defenders out of state facilities, with priority areas taking place first. This would begin July 1.

#### **Policies**

##### **H0244 | Electronic Smoking Devices**

- These bills will not be moving forward this session and will be removed from the agenda.

##### **H0130 | Hospital Property Tax Exemption**

- The hospitals brought up an issue surrounding definitions in the bill. Their concern is that it would allow county commissioners to tax personal property. H0130 was sent to the 14th order for amendments, and the majority leader indicated other issues with the bill in regard to the Sunny Ridge factors. Updates on what amendments are made and the overall fate of the bill will come next week. The sponsor on the Senate side is going to try his best to get this off the 14th order and onto the floor for a vote.

##### **S1135 | Coroners Reports**

- S1135 as written will not move forward. Senator Wintrow is attempting to help fix the language to appease opposition. There were language changes submitted in a new draft given to LSO. Updates to come on the fate of this bill as well.

## Updates

### **H0180 | Broadband Infrastructure (OPPOSE)**

- Heard last Friday, and IAC expressed concerns and it was sent to the amending order. The current draft has a 30 day additional clock if it requires a SUP or variance, and after those 30 days it would be added to the next meeting where it could be heard. If it does not require an SUP or variance, then it is the standard 30 day shot clock.

### **H0185 | Search and Rescue Fund (SUPPORT)**

- Went through the 14th amendment and is on the Senate second reading calendar, and it is likely it will be off to the governor for signing soon.

### **H0253 | Public Records, Requests, Residents (SUPPORT)**

- Allows for a longer period of time for out of state residents for public records requests. Sitting in the amendment order at the moment to provide for a 21 day timeline for everyone, however non-residents would be charged additional costs vs. Idaho residents.

### **H0266 | Idaho Building Code Act**

- Heard last week and was placed in amending order. The agreed amendment that has been added would change it to 48 business hours, allowing for approx. 5-6 days for inspection, rather than the original '48 hour' clock.. Additionally, in the old draft there was language that would put the county on the hook for delays on the inspection, but this has since been changed.

### **H0354 | Property Taxes, Homestead Exemption (SUPPORT)**

- The Speaker of the House is pushing for it to be pushed to the 14th order to adjust the ratios from 90% - 110%, and tighten them to 95% and 105%. This will likely be ongoing until the Senate takes action on the bill, though the sponsors in the Senate aren't interested in sending this to the 14th order for amendment.

### **H0376 | Concealed Weapons, Public Property (OPPOSE)**

- Senator Guthrie is planning on keeping this in his drawer for now, unless he is pressured by leadership. At the moment it will not be heard.

*Gem Assessor Hollie Ann Strang motioned to oppose H0376, seconded by Chair Don Hall. Motion passed.*

### **S1124 | Wildfires, Electric Utilities**

- This bill was sent to the 14th order for a second time. There was a meeting late last week to navigate and voice the concerns we had around the bill. There have been changes made to the extent that it would not affect the counties and ICRMP in regard to insurance premiums.

*Chair Don Hall motioned to pull opposition from S1124 and take a neutral stance, seconded by Ada Clerk Trent Tripple. Motion passed.*

### **S1125 | Defense of State Law - Political Subdivisions (SUPPORT)**

- Not moving forward this session. Will be removed from the agenda.

### **S1133 | Agricultural Protection Areas (OPPOSE)**

- The Farm Bureau has agreed to run a trailer bill that will provide a path forward, and that language will be circulated for discussion next week.

### **S1164 | Building Permits, Processing**

- Heard in Senate Commerce yesterday. IAC has had some conversations with various stakeholders who have remained neutral on this bill. Will be removed from the agenda.

## New Legislation

### **H0264 | Privacy of Women, Facilities (SUPPORT)**

- Heard in Senate State Affairs this morning. Was sent to the 14th order this morning to address some concerns that IAC raised around juvenile detention centers and probation officers. The amendments made appear to have satisfied the concerns we raised.

*Clearwater Sheriff Chris Goetz motioned to support H0264 with the amendments, seconded by Franklin Prosecutor Vic Pearson. Motion passed.*

### **H0384 | Wildfire Risk Mitigation Fund**

- This bill is not moving and will be removed from the agenda.

### **H0403 | Driver's License, Thirty Days (SUPPORT)**

- This bill came about organically when discussions were taking place around H0316. In the existing statute, it was not clear that there was a 30 day requirement to obtain an Idaho license. This bill makes it clear that you need to get a drivers license, vehicle registration, and that vehicle titled within 30 days.

*Gem Assessor Hollie Ann Strang motioned to support H0403, seconded by Bingham Assessor Donovan Harrington. Motion passed.*

### **H0406 | Property Tax Exemption, Low Income**

- Broadens eligibility of property tax exemption for low income housing. The lobbyist who is bringing this bill partners with a corporation who partners with non-profits and has a stake with non-profit organizations. It hasn't been scheduled for a hearing at the moment.

### **H0407 | Community Infrastructure Districts**

- This bill seeks to expand eligibility for CID's. As it stands a CID can only be created within a city or the area of impact. This would allow a CID to be established outside the area of impact so that a county could work with a developer to approve a CID if the county wanted to do so. Currently, it would also allow for funds to be collected for up to 5 years to fund EMS and fire services. However, a new bill will be forthcoming due to requests to remove the language allowing for the funding of EMS and fire services.

### **H0409 | Declaration of Disaster Emergency (OPPOSE)**

- A new bill that was introduced in the House earlier this week and has already advanced off the House floor. It is a change from the previous bill we opposed on emergency disaster declarations. The current list of disasters that the bill outlines is currently too limited, as it doesn't take into account droughts, hail storms, wind emergencies, snow emergencies, and landslides. There seem to be a wide variety of stakeholders who are opposed to this bill as it stands.

*Chair Don Hall motioned to oppose H0409 as written, seconded by Bingham Assessor Donovan Harrington. Motion passed.*

### **H0415 | Public Utility Infrastructure**

- Established parity between Idaho electrical transmission facilities and Idaho's electric service providers, on the basis that they don't want foreign governments or foreign actors to own any of these facilities. This would only apply to electrical.

### **S1162 | Short-Term Rental Regulations (OPPOSE)**

- For some context, last year the realtors brought a bill to provide limitations in how cities and counties could regulate short term rentals. This bill didn't move forward. A group of stakeholders composed of the realtors association, the hospitality associations, the cities, counties, resort communities, etc., was put together to find common ground on the regulation of short term rentals. Now, the realtors have now drafted their own

legislation and introduced it on the Senate side. It provides limitations on how a city or county could regulate short term rentals. A variety of the stakeholders that were a part of that stakeholder group previously mentioned, are opposed to this bill.

*Gem Assessor Hollie Ann Strang motioned to oppose S1162, seconded by Owyhee Treasurer Annette Dygert. Motion passed.*

**General Discussion**

- Transportation funding discussion: JFAC met yesterday and there was some movement on strategic initiatives (which is the general fund source of revenue for State and Local highway projects, and the money is allocated 60% to state strategic initiatives and 40% to local initiatives). The governor's original recommendation was \$311 million dollars. They have ultimately voted to fund strategic initiatives at \$275 million dollars, and there will be further discussion as this bill gets printed. Updates on transportation funding to come.

**Adjournment @ 11:05am.**

## IAC Legislative Committee

### 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>	
Bruce Mattare <i>District 1: Kootenai Commissioner</i>  <b>Chris Goetz</b> <i>District 2: Clearwater Sheriff</i>  Sherry Maupin <i>District 3: Valley Commissioner</i>  <b>Ben Crouch</b> <i>District 4: Jerome Commissioner</i>	<b>Donavan Harrington</b> <i>District 5: Bingham Assessor</i>  <b>Brent Mendenhall</b> <i>District 6: Madison Commissioner</i>  <b>Hollie Ann Strang</b> <i>IACA: Gem Assessor</i>  <b>Jared Orton</b> <i>IACC: Minidoka Commissioner</i>  <b>Trent Tripple</b> <i>IACRC: Ada Clerk</i>	<b>Annette Dygert</b> <i>LACT: Owyhee Treasurer</i>  Vic Pearson <i>IPAA: Franklin Prosecutor</i>  <b>Andy Creech</b> <i>ISA: Payette Sheriff</i>  <b>Scott Carver</b> <i>ISACC: Valley Coroner</i>

### ALTERNATES

Phil Lampert <i>District 1: Benewah Commissioner</i>  Brad Higgins <i>District 2: Idaho Commissioner</i>  <b>Zach Brooks</b> <i>District 3: Canyon Commissioner</i>	Eric Jackson <i>District 5: Bingham Commissioner</i>  Shayne Young <i>District 6: Jefferson Commissioner</i>  Josh Dison <i>IACA: Elmore Assessor</i>	Elizabeth Mahn <i>LACT: Ada Treasurer</i>  Vacant <i>IPAA:</i>  Matt Clifford
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<p><b>Dan Schaeffer</b>  <i>District 4: Minidoka Commissioner</i></p>	<p><b>Kim Keeley</b>  <i>IACRC: Teton Clerk</i></p>	<p><i>ISA: Ada Sheriff</i></p> <p>Pam Garlock  <i>ISACC: Boise Coroner</i></p>

**\*More attendees listed below**

**IAC Staff**

- Seth Grigg
- Sara Westbrook
- Kelli Brassfield
- Chase Christensen
- Clay Boeckel

**More**

- Dayton Reed (Ada County)