

IAC Legislative Committee

March 26th, 2025 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm MST

700 W Washington St | Boise, ID

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order | Chair Don Hall

Owyhee Treasurer Annette Dygert motioned to approve the March 19th, 2025 minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Tom Dayley. Motion passed.

Priorities

H0388 | Tourism Tax

- Bill sponsor got cold feet, and this will not be moving forward unfortunately. It will be removed from the agenda.

S1181| Public Defense Reform

- Moving quickly. Introduced last week and made it out of Senate Jud & Rules 34-0. Will be up in House Jud & Rules this afternoon.

Policies

H0130 | Hospital Property Tax Exemption

- Sent to the amending order and was amended, but kept it in the 14th order because Senator Den Hartog brought stakeholders together in order to discuss definitions and having critical access hospitals included in the bill. Since Friday, these stakeholders have been discussing language to compromise on and to address as many concerns from the hospitals as possible. The hospitals are asking that critical hospitals and rural emergency hospitals also be exempt from property tax. Hospitals would like to change some language in regard to the application process to the BOCC's. They also have some concern around the federal language around 501(r) vs 501(c)(3), about some distinctions that could exist between the two. Senator Den Hartog was concerned about certain clinics not wanting to be non-exempt, so the hospitals requested these also be included. Another concern is the information provided to the BOCC is to be audited information, but questions around who does the audit are a concern. With the community benefit report, hospitals are also concerned about getting reimbursed care into the language.

Updates

H0180 | Broadband Infrastructure (OPPOSE)

- Sent to the 14th order, and in the process of amending. There is currently a hold-up due to disagreements over the amending language, however the sponsor of the bill prefers the language that IAC submitted. More updates to come.

H0185 | Search and Rescue Fund (SUPPORT)

- This bill is in a bit of a limbo at the moment after bouncing around between the Senate and the House. Updates to come.

H0253 | Public Records, Requests, Residents (SUPPORT)

- This bill is still on the 14th amendment order in the Senate.

H0264 | Privacy of Women, Facilities (SUPPORT)

- This bill has been amended with the amendments the Sheriff's asked for and is now on the third reading calendar in the Senate.

H0266 | Idaho Building Code Act

- This bill was amended at IAC's request, and is also on the third reading calendar in the Senate.

H0354 | Property Taxes, Homestead Exemption (SUPPORT)

- Delivered to the Governor for his signature.

H0376 | Concealed Weapons, Public Property (OPPOSE)

- There is reason to believe that Chairman Guthrie will hold this bill. This new version is attempting to remove all of the agreed upon language in the bill that passed last year, and will likely not move forward this year.

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

- Has passed the House and is in the Senate now.

H0409 | Declaration of Disaster Emergency (OPPOSE)

- It has cleared the House, and Senator Guthrie at the moment isn't planning on giving it a hearing. If it does, IAC should be able to provide amendments to make the bill better, but that isn't expected at this point in time.

S1162 | Short-Term Rental Regulations (OPPOSE)

- Sent to the 14th order for amendment. There are three different amendments proposed for this bill, but the amendment IAC is supporting is the compromised bill that was worked on over the interim, where we worked with other lobbyists on it. All of the opposition on this bill may stop it moving forward at this point.

New Legislation**H0435 | Taxation (Trailer Bill for H040, H0304, and H0354) (Requested Amendments)**

- Intended as a trailer bill to incorporate H0354, after only previously including H040 and H0304. Individuals from the House were trying to tighten the ratios that assessors have to follow, so language was added in this trailer bill. The part of the bill that is concerning is the narrowing of the ratios from 90-110%, to 95-105%. The reality is that in most communities, there are not the sales to move to that narrow of a ratio. Several assessors will be testifying in Senate Local Gov & Tax to voice these concerns.

Gem Assessor Hollie Ann Strang requested H0435 to be amended as discussed, seconded by Kootenai Commissioner Bruce Mattare. Motion passed.

H0436 | Urban Renewal

- The proposal sets up a process for the dissolution of an urban renewal district. It also includes language that would benefit Chobani. Chobani announced a \$500 million expansion to their yogurt plant, so this language would provide a special case for an urban renewal to be created over that industrial project that would only cover the cost to upgrade the facility itself and not other areas around it. Also includes language to add an opportunity to exempt out levies of ambulance districts and fire districts.

H0437 | Community Infrastructure Districts (SUPPORT)

- A bill that would extend the authority to establish a CID to a county outside of the area of impact. Current law only allows CID's to be established inside a city or area of impact. Tamarack has some infrastructure needs they want to address, and want to do it through a CID, but the only way to do it would be for the county to be able to authorize a CID.

Valley Commissioner Sherry Maupin motioned to support H0437, seconded by Owyhee Treasurer Annette Dygert. Motion passed.

H0441 | Absentee Voting (OPPOSE)

- This is a bill that the clerks have a lot of concern about. Would require clerks to have a third envelope for absentee ballots, and would require an absentee ballot voter to have their drivers license number, the last 4 digits of their social security number, and their signature on it. There are cost concerns because of the additional envelopes that would be needed, as well as the added weight. Another concern would be around an individual's handwriting on the ballots that could be misconstrued or unclear which leaves the ballot in a bit of a limbo. Some clerks were also concerned about the potential for identity theft because of the amount of sensitive information that would be in the envelopes. There was also mention about the increase in time and labor required to carry this out.

Owyhee Treasurer Annette Dygert motioned to oppose H0441, seconded by Kootenai Commissioner Bruce Mattare. Motion passed.

S1183 | Wildfires Standard of Care Act

- There has been robust debate on this bill, and has included amendments from its previous iteration.

S1187 | Agricultural Protection Areas (Trailer)

- Trailer bill that the Farm Bureau worked with IAC on to fix inconsistencies in S1133, but also adds back into the approval process that would allow the county for the BOCC to approve it, or to delegate the p&z admin, or delegate it to another office or staff member in the county. There shouldn't be any issues and it has already been through the Senate.

General Discussion

- Update on H0185 - it passed the House.

Adjournment @ 11:09

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MEMBERSHIP

*MEMBERS HIGHLIGHTED WERE IN ATTENDANCE

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

ALTERNATES

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

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