

## IAC Legislative Committee

April 2nd, 2025 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm MST

700 W Washington St | Boise, ID

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### **Call to Order | Chair Don Hall**

*Owyhee Treasurer Annette Dygert motioned to approve the March 26th minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Tom Dayley. Motion carried.*

#### **Priorities**

##### **S1181| Public Defense Reform**

- The House approved the State Public Defenders appropriation bill and is going to the governor for his signature. The total came out to about \$83.5 million dollars. It was sent to House general orders for amendments. The bill sponsors are inclined to leave it on general orders and take it up next year at the beginning of the session. The judicial district administrators should now be overseeing public defense in the judicial district as part of this bill. Another expectation is that the State will enter into MOU's with counties on the use of office space. The membership discussed getting the counties on the same page on how office space is utilized and identify what each county is doing and decide on a way to move forward that creates consistency across the counties as much as possible.

#### **Policies**

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

This bill has made it out of the Senate, after being heavily amended. Most of these amendments can be considered friendly to IAC. It will now move to the House, and there is optimism around it moving forward.

- It narrows the definition of what is included as a hospital and ties it to definitions in Title 39. Language was removed from the current statute that removed a variety of facilities. An addition to include medical clinics was requested.. The definition that exists in Title 39 about medical clinics will have to be monitored closely, but overall the scope has been narrowed.
- Additional information to be provided to the BOCC in the review of the hospitals, including a lot of information that is audited and also provided to the IRS.
- It also allows the Community Benefit Report in consideration of granting an exemption.

#### **Updates**

##### **H0180 | Broadband Infrastructure**

- Passed the House and when it got to the Senate, there was an amendment proposed that provided the local control that IAC was looking for. It will now go to the House for concurrence.

*Owyhee Treasurer Annette Dygert moved to remove opposition to H0180 because of the amendments made and move the stance to neutral, seconded by Vice Chair Tom Dayley. Motion carried.*

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

- Signed into law by the Governor.

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

- Passed the House and passed the Senate. Now is heading back to the House for concurrence.

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

- It has cleared the House and Senate, and it has been concurred in the House and is heading to the governor. Changes were made around IAC memberships concerns in regard to female officers.

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

- This bill has been signed by the governor after some amendments were made to address some concerns of locals.

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

- Signed by the governor and is now law.

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

- This bill is currently being held in Senator Guthrie's drawer and it is not expected to move forward.

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

- This bill did not get a hearing in the Senate, and is a bit of a mystery. This bill will not be moving forward this session.

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

- This bill is being held and will not move forward.

#### **H0435 | Taxation (Requested Amendments)**

- Originated in the House and was intended to be a trailer bill for the income and property tax relief bills. In addition, the House included how school districts account for funds received, along with the assessment ratios. We had opposed the narrowing of ratios, and the Senate sent the bill to the 14th order to take out the section we were opposed to. The House has introduced a new clean trailer bill that does not include the section we previously opposed related to the assessments. *Reference S1216 below for further information.*

#### **H0437 | Community Infrastructure Districts (SUPPORT)**

- Made it out of committee without any issues, and then made it onto the House floor with enough opposition that it was sent to general orders. The groups that were advocating for this will regroup in the interim and come back with some change to the language.

#### **H0441 | Absentee Voting (OPPOSE) (remove)**

- Is not moving forward this session.

#### **S1125 | Defense of State Law**

- Currently on the Senate third reading calendar and it will hopefully be voted on soon. Controversy isn't necessarily expected, but it is more a matter of if the bill will make it through the houses in time. This would allow a local government, if they are sued for carrying out the directive of the State, to go to the constitutional fund and make a case to receive funding for the litigation.

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

- Failed on the Senate floor yesterday and will not be moving forward. A lawsuit pending before the supreme court may further clarify some of the issues that have been raised in this bill.

#### **S1183 | Wildfires Standard of Care Act**

- The rewrite of the original wildfires bill that we opposed. The stakeholders went back to the drawing board and worked with the stakeholders to address concerns that were raised. These concerns were raised and it has passed the House and is on its way to the Governor.

#### **S1187 | Agricultural Protection Areas (Trailer)**

- Trailer bill to S1133. There was a conflict related to the approval process for an initial application for APA versus adding parcels to the APA. This bill was drafted and quickly advanced through the Senate and will be

heard in the House Local Gov committee and then to the House floor for a vote. No opposition is currently anticipated. If it passes, beginning January 1st, counties will have three different options for approving the APA. BOCC can take action themselves or they have the option of designating that authority to the planning and zoning administrator, or another administrative official designated by the board of county commissioners.

### New Legislation

#### **S1205 | Transportation Appropriation**

- This is going to be a big closing issue. This includes funding for the strategic initiatives program, where counties, highways districts and cities receive funds for local highways and bridges. Includes \$275 million dollars, roughly \$110 million would go to counties, highway districts and cities. Also included intent language directing ACHD as to how they would use their dollars. The Senate took issue with this intent language yesterday after 6:00pm and killed this bill to make a statement on their disagreement around intent language. It is dead at the moment, but may have to be discussed next week depending on how JFAC reacts to the bill.

#### **S1216 | Property Taxes Amendment**

- There is a provision within IAAO that the 90-110% ratio is established. There is supplemental language within the standard that you should strive to be in market value and within the given ratio and that there should not be more than a 5% deviation between values as long as the data can statistically verify that. This bill would codify this standard from IAAO into Idaho statute. However, when the Tax commission tests the validity of the sample sizes they have, that 5% variation needs to exist in regard to the statistical valuations. This is intended to get as close to market as possible, without being overly disruptive to the counties and county assessors.

### General Discussion

- Over the interim, there are a number of issues that would benefit from discussion from this committee:
  - Public Health, funding, governing, etc.
  - Public Defense
  - Property Taxes
  - Tourism and Tax
- Continuing the conversation around these topics will help initiate progress as these issues continue into the next legislative session.

**Adjournment @ 11:05 a.m.**

## 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>  <b>Sherry Maupin</b> <i>District 3: Valley Commissioner</i>  <b>Ben Crouch</b> <i>District 4: Jerome Commissioner</i>	Donovan Harrington <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>Annette Dygert</b> <i>LACT: Owyhee Treasurer</i>  <b>Vic Pearson</b> <i>IPAA: Franklin Prosecutor</i>  Andy Creech <i>ISA: Payette Sheriff</i>  <b>Scott Carver</b> <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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