

Idaho Association of Counties
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
700 Washington St. | Boise, Idaho | March 1, 2017 | 1:30 pm
Conference Call # 208-717-1950

Members Present:

Chair: Joe Larsen, Cassia Clerk
Vice-Chair: Jim Tibbs, Ada Commissioner
IACA: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor
IACC: Terry Kramer, Twin Falls Commissioner
IACRC: Carrie Bird, Clearwater Clerk
IACT Alt.: Tracie Lloyd
IPAA: Bryan Taylor, Canyon Prosecutor
ISA: Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff
ISA Alt.: Vaughn Killeen, ISA Executive Director
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary Commissioner
District 2 Alt.: Pat Vaughan, Latah Assessor
District 4: Helen Edwards, Gooding Commissioner
District 6: Abbie Mace, Fremont Clerk

Members Not Present:

IACT: Donna Peterson, Payette Treasurer
IPAA Alt.: Holly Koole, Ada Deputy Prosecutor
ISACC: Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner
ISACC Alt.: Pam Garlock, Boise Coroner
District 1 Alt.: Glenda Poston, Boundary Clerk
District 2: Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff
District 3: Gordon Cruickshank, Valley Commissioner
District 3 Alt.: Vicky McIntyre, Ada Treasurer
District 4 Alt.: Larry Schoen, Blaine Commissioner
District 5: Ladd Carter, Bingham Commissioner
District 6 Alt.: Shelly Shaffer, Butte Clerk

Other Guest Present:

Jim Brannon, Kootenai Clerk
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada Prosecutor's Office
Larry Maneely, Ada Commissioner's Office
Teresa Baker, IAC Staff
Kelli Brassfield, IAC Staff

- 1:30 pm **I. Call to order** – Vice-Chair Jim Tibbs
- A. Roll Call
 - B. Approval of February 22, 2017 Minutes.
Helen Edwards made a motion to approve the February 22, 2017 minutes. Chris Goetz seconded. Motion carried.
- 1:35 pm **II. IAC Legislative Committee**
- A. Meeting Schedule – Next meeting reminder 3/8/17 In-Person 1:30 pm @ Washington Office
- 1:40 pm **III. Non-IAC Legislation** (Discussion/Action) – See Tracking Sheet
- A. **Invasive Species – Sen. Harris - [S1068](#)**
Kelli Brassfield mentioned that Sen. Harris stated that he is working on a new draft of this bill. He is working with the Governor's office to make some changes and will let us know when he is going to have it printed.

B. Invasive Species Fee Increase - [H0211](#)

Teresa Baker stated that this is a bipartisan bill to increase the sticker fee from \$20 to \$30.

Helen Edwards asked if this would help fund the 24hr stations. Teresa Baker stated it will be an increase to the fund and should help the stations/check-points.

Abbie Mace made a motion to support HB211. Dan Dinning seconded. Motion carried.

C. School Precincts for Trustees – Sen. Souza [S1103](#)

Kelli Brassfield stated this bill would move the trustee zone boundaries to become aligned with the precinct boundaries, as well as change the election date for trustees to the November general election.

Carrie Bird stated her concern is that it would change it to the even year election; they are moving it to the general election. Abbie Mace also mentioned getting the zones to follow the precinct boundaries is going to be very difficult.

Lorna Jorgensen mentioned that in the last general election, the ballot was very long, which makes the cost high and if we add more it would increase even more. Dan Dinning asked what brought this proposal forward. Teresa Baker stated that she is looking to have more people to vote. Carrie Bird asked if the secretary of states office has taken a position on this bill. Teresa Baker is not aware of whether or not the secretary of states office has taken a position on this bill.

Abbie Mace made a motion to oppose S1103. Carrie Bird seconded. Motion carried.

D. Safe Routes to School - [S1121](#)

Kelli Brassfield stated this bill would create a program within LHTAC for projects that would make the routes to school for children safer. Jim Tibbs mentioned that Compass supported this yesterday at their meeting.

Dan Dinning stated he has seen these kind of bills start over the years, and seem to be really good ideas, but then turn into mandated costs, even though they say they will have outside funding. Dan Dinning stated he sees this bill becoming that.

Chris Goetz asked if LHTAC supports this bill? Kelli Brassfield stated that LHTAC is probably on board. Abbie Mace asked if LHTAC has a program that does something similar? Kelli Brassfield stated that they do have a similar program; however, this would only focus on projects around schools.

Chris Goetz made a motion to stay neutral on SB1121. Carrie Bird seconded. Motion carried.

E. Justice Reinvestment – Sen. Lodge - [S1113](#)

Bryon Taylor stated this bill stemmed from an officer involved shooting. The prosecutors started gathering data, which revealed we are understaffed in the parole and probation areas. This bill would increase staff within these sectors. The IPAA highly support this.

Chris Goetz made a motion to support SB1113. Bryon Taylor seconded.

Dan Dinning asked about the fiscal impact. Bryon Taylor mentioned this would be an addition of parole commissioners for about an additional \$300K. Chris Goetz mentioned the counties would save money as well.

Motion carried.

F. New Foregone – Rep. Moyle - [H0207](#)

Teresa Baker stated this is a revision of HB103 and it would eliminate the ability of the board of taxing districts for past years, and would allow them to permanently eliminate the current year's increase. This bill is the same as the last bill; however the language is clearer than before.

Jim Tibbs cautioned the group about considering this bill. It could be their way of trying to get rid of the counties ability to get their foregone. Dan Dinning stated that he sees this says "may" not "shall."

Dan Dinning asked if after two years, is a board able to go back to the year prior and undo the foregone amount? Teresa Baker stated the intent is to basically to wipe the slate clean. I think you will have to trust whom you elected and hopefully they use this properly.

Jim Tibbs stated that foregone is a very important part of counties. Without it, some counties would not have been able to fund certain projects. Abbie Mace agreed because if we end up with new elected officials that don't understand the process, we could end up in a very tight position because of lack of understanding. Teresa Baker recommended that we oppose.

*Tracie Lloyd made a motion to oppose HB207. Abbie Mace seconded. Motion carried.
Dan Dinning voted no.*

G. Sales Tax/Highway Distribution Account – Rep. Moyle - [H0218](#)

Teresa Baker stated this bill would take money from sales tax in an attempt to remove ISP from the Highway Distribution Account formula. Teresa Baker mentioned that leadership is working to find a solution to our transportation issues. Brad Little is looking at a lot of different options. Chris Goetz mentioned that he reviewed this and it would put 1% of the sales tax to ISP and put them at #2 on the priority list and could affect the counties.

Chris Goetz made a motion to oppose HB218. Abbie Mace seconded. Motion carried.

H. Election Vacancies for House of Representatives – Rep. Loertscher - [H0197](#)

Dan Dinning stated that existing law allows the governor to call an election at any time to fill a vacancy and this would set specific times for filling vacancies. Carrie Bird stated that she didn't see any problems since it matches our election times.

Helen Edwards made a motion to stay neutral on HB197. Bryon Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

I. Government Non-Interference In Elections – Rep. Monks - [H0189](#)

Teresa Baker stated that IAC staff met with the stakeholders/associations this morning and there is a lot of concern about the fallout of this. There are too many uncertainties. For example, some agencies put out advertisements that talk about prevention of drug use. This bill would not allow for this type of advertisement. This bill would also not allow schools to send material out to constituents about what bonds/levies are going to be used for because the sponsor feels that this is "promoting."

Vaughn Killeen stated that he sees an issue with the criminal penalty section. Also, they don't define resources. Jim Tibbs mentioned that Chris Rich said he was against this proposal. Teresa Baker stated that the bill is going to need some more work and that if the committee is ok with it, IAC staff will participate in a letter to explain that there is just not enough time to fix this draft before it comes up on the amending order.

Dan Dinning made a motion to allow IAC to join letter in opposition of HB189 and to work in the interim on this issue. Carrie Bird seconded. Motion carried.

J. Crime Victims' Rights Constitutional Amendments – Sen. Lakey - [SJR101](#)

Vaughn Killeen stated that this bill details some of the practices that are already happening with our victim coordinators. Pat Vaughn mentioned that the victim's rights statute should be updated. Bryon Taylor said he did not know the IPAA's official position.

Vaughn Killeen mentioned the vine system is great for even smaller counties. This is a great tool for communication. Teresa Baker stated one concern was that section 10, which is in regards to reasonable protection for accused. The definition for reasonable protection has been updated.

K. 63-602NN – Moyle – New RS HB192

Kelli Brassfield stated that this new draft would change the "resolution" section in regards to the dollar threshold amount to an "ordinance." This ordinance would need to be set to make all proposals uniform across the county. Kelli Brassfield recommended support.

Pat Vaughn asked if the ordinance was on the threshold amount or the exemption amount. Kelli Brassfield stated that it is on the threshold amount. Helen Edwards asked if the cities would have to adhere to this. Teresa Baker said yes because the counties collect the property taxes.

*Helen Edwards made a motion to support of HB192. Carrie Bird seconded. Motion carried.
Justin voted no.*

2:45 pm

IV. IAC Legislative Resolution Priorities (Update)

See Tracking Sheet

A. Records Retention for LE media – New RS

Teresa Baker stated there was a request from the press to change the retention periods. We met with them and came to a compromise. The sheriffs seem to be ok with it. The only issue I have with this is that we have to go have through a primary committee. I think we can get it done.

B. Whistleblowing/Protection of Employees – New RS

Teresa Baker stated she met with Ada County and the Trial Lawyers Association. They brought up some concerns and we have agreed to alternative language. Sen. Lakey stated he would still take this. It has to be reprinted.

3:15 pm

V. Other Business (Discussion/Action)

3:30 pm

VI. Adjourn