

**Idaho Association of Counties
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**
700 Washington St. | Boise, Idaho | March 15, 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: Donna Peterson, Payette Treasurer
IACT Alt.: Tracie Lloyd
IPAA: Bryan Taylor, Canyon Prosecutor
ISA Alt.: Vaughn Killeen, ISA Executive Director
ISACC: Dotti Owens, Ada Coroner
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:

IPAA Alt.: Holly Koole, Ada Deputy Prosecutor
ISA: Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff
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 Guests:

Phil McGrane, Ada Clerk's Office
Nancy Wordell, Ada Prosecutor's Office
Larry Maneely, Ada Commissioner's Office
Don Ebert, Clearwater Commissioner
Kelli Brassfield, IAC Staff
Teresa Baker, IAC Staff
Savannah Slater, IAC Staff

- 1:30 pm **I. Call to order** - Chair Joe Larsen
- A. Roll Call
 - B. Approval of March 8, 2017 Minutes.
Donna Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 2017. Helen Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

- 1:35 pm **II. IAC Legislative Committee**
- A. **Meeting Schedule – Next meeting reminder 3/22/17 Subject to the call of the chair**
Kelli Brassfield stated that we should have a meeting next week. As of now we will just plan on having a conference call.

III. Non-IAC Legislation (Discussion/Action) – See Tracking Sheet

A. Liquor – Rep. Malek - [H0255](#)

Teresa Baker stated this liquor bill is being held at the moment. The license association is pushing back. The one concern I have is that the enforcement is going to be hard. I think it would be a lot of work for the counties. Teresa Baker mentioned she didn't think we need to take a position but we need to review it.

B. Strategic Initiatives Program – Rep. Palmer - [H0267](#)

Kelli Brassfield stated that this bill would extend the surplus eliminator for 5 years. This bill does not change language to add the locals. It is still only covers the state.

C. Permit for Overweight and Oversize Loads – Jason Kreizenbeck - [H0268](#)

Kelli Brassfield stated this bill would change the “shall” to a “may” making it possible for jurisdictions to not perform feasibility studies on the roads that may accommodate overweight and oversize loads. This came forward because there was an area that was doing multiple studies and charging multiple entities for the studies. The intent was to make it so multiple studies would not have to be done; however, this statute, as written, only provides that one study be done. Kelli Brassfield stated that this bill seems to be unnecessary.

Vaughn Killeen stated that it appears that this is a way to get around the current statute.

Vaughn Killeen made a motion to oppose HB0268. Dan Dinning seconded. Motion carried.

D. Sales Tax Distribution – Rep. Monks - [H0269](#)

Teresa Baker stated this bill is a redistribution of sales tax between cities and counties. He wants it to follow growth. You can see by looking at the spreadsheet the counties would be the loser. There is a lot of effect to the counties losing money and cities gaining revenue.

Abbie Mace mentioned that it looks like it is moving the money from the rural areas to the urban areas. I still see us having the same need and this would not help that. Dan Dinning stated Kootenai county is supported by the other four counties. It was intended to reflect that the other counties would give back in what we spend in those counties. This wouldn't help that.

Carrie Bird noticed the distribution rate decreases. It is unknown where this decreased amount goes. Teresa Baker stated we didn't notice that, so we will have to get clarification about that. He did state that this is a phase in process.

Donna Peterson made a motion to oppose HB269 as presented. Justin Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

E. Government Noninterference – Rep. Monks - [H0270](#)

Phil McGrane stated this bill has limitations on stating pro/cons to bonds and levies. It could harm counties if they run bonds and levies. I wouldn't support this. There is concern that you were not able to state that there is an election coming. That has been cleaned up.

Dan Dinning asked if this bill passed the house? Teresa Baker stated that it has.

Dan Dinning has concerns of where this is headed. If there is someone who opposes a levy or bond, do they have to do a public declaration of their expenses? Phil McGrane stated that they currently they don't have to declare these expense but this is targeted at using public funds for these issues.

Abbie Mace made a motion to oppose HB270. Helen Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

F. Disaster Relief - [S1141](#)

Kelli Brassfield stated that this bill provides emergency funding to our counties for the damages they have sustained due to the winter weather. There is \$2M for counties that have declared emergencies and \$50M to be allocated by a panel that accept applications. The applications will be scored using FEMA standards.

Dan Dinning asked if counties have to have filed a federal emergency to qualify for this money. Kelli Brassfield stated that the bill does mention the emergency declarations; however, counties that have not declared are eligible to receive fund. I would guess that those who have declared emergency

would qualify before those that have not but they could still receive funding. Carrie Bird asked if the funding will be retro-active. Teresa Baker stated that the funding will be retro active to when the declarations are made.

Carrie Bird made a motion to support SB1141. Terry Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

G. Healthcare Assistance Program – Sen. Hagedorn - [S1142](#)

Kelli Brassfield stated that SB1142 is almost identical to the one reviewed earlier in the session. This would create primary care for the most chronically ill. This bill doesn't have a great impact on the counties but there could be a positive impact because a few more people will be getting primary care. I feel that we should support this. This bill is not exactly what the membership voted on; however, this is in the correct direction to getting what the counties are looking for.

Abbie Mace asked where the funding for this program is coming from. Kelli Brassfield stated that the funding for this program comes from the Millennium Fund. Vaughn Killeen asked what the Millennium Fund money is intended for. Kelli Brassfield stated that the Millennium Fund committee has intended the money to be directed towards cessation because the funds come from the tobacco settlement.

Terry Kramer stated that he would support this bill because it could save us money.

Vaughn Killeen made a motion to support SB1142 but recognize that it is a step to the solution. Terry Kramer seconded. Motion carried.

H. POST Designation – POST - [S1154](#)

Teresa Baker stated this bill allows POST to become a "Criminal Justice Agency" to allow background checks for POST candidates.

Helen Edwards made a motion to support SB1154. Bryon Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

I. GARVEE – Sen. Brackett - [S1162](#)- [S1163](#)

Kelli Brassfield stated that SB1162 is a state directed bill that issues \$300M in GARVEE bonds for specified projects. SB1163 would issue the same \$300M in GARVEE bonds; however there are a few local components also. This bill would increase the Highway Distribution Account local percentage from 38% to 40%, it would add the locals to the Strategic Initiatives Program (Surplus Eliminator) with a 40/60 split with the state, and would also increase the local sales tax revenue sharing percentage from 11.5% to 12.5%.

Teresa Baker stated that the intent is to have SB1162 as a fall back bill. It would be in our best interest to support both. Dan Dinning asked how much of this is federal. Teresa Baker stated she didn't know but everyone down here thinks GARVEE is a good thing.

Abbie Mace and others mentioned that the last time GARVEE was implemented the full amount was taken and then the state couldn't maintain the roads after the projects were completed. There was discussion about hoping the state learned a lesson and didn't take everything so they can up hold maintenance.

Don Ebert mentioned that Senator Brackett is a friend of local government. The reason I would support is because Senator Brackett is helping us out but otherwise I wouldn't support 1162.

Terry Kramer made a motion to support SB1162 and SB1163 with a preference for SB1163. Abbie Mace seconded. Motion carried.

3:15 pm

V. Other Business (Discussion/Action)

HB283 – New Construction Roll – Rep. Trujillo

Teresa Baker stated this is the new construction roll bill. It is like the previous bill that Rep. Trujillo presented earlier this session. Changes include only going back 2 years instead of 5. This bill would also remove properties that the state purchases from our budget capacity.

Kelli Brassfield stated that governmental entities are set forth to be exempt and it is their right to retain the budget capacity for these properties. If the properties are removed from the budget capacity, there will be a tax shift to the counties, which will be an unfunded mandate.

Donna: I would oppose because it is a new bill and we need to take a position on each bill as presented. That way it is on the record.

Donna made a motion to oppose HB283. Abbie Mace seconded. Motion carried.

SB1180 Developers Discount

Teresa Baker stated that this bill takes our idea of limiting exemptions to 2 years for properties that have not been occupied. It also reduces the exemption from 75% to 35%.

Donna Peterson made a motion to support SB1180. Justin Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

HB274 – Invasive Species – Sen. Harris

Abbie Mace mentioned that HB274 has changed to reflect that if someone does not cooperate on private property, the counties can do the work for them and bill them.

Abbie Mace made a motion to support HB274. Donna Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

Kelli Brassfield mentioned that HB150 failed. This bill was to limit the time that early voting could take place. Kelli Brassfield spoke with Rep. Manwaring to work on a possible compromise to this bill. We will work over the interim and see where we go.

3:30 pm

VI. Adjourn