



**Idaho Association of Counties
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Conference Call | 700 W. Washington St., Boise, Idaho | March 13, 2019 | 10:00 am
Conference Call 208-717-1950

Members Present:

Chair: Chris Goetz, Clearwater Sheriff
Vice-Chair: Donna Peterson, Payette Treasurer
IACA: Justin Baldwin, Gooding Assessor
IACC: Doug Zenner, Nez Perce Commissioner
IACRC: Carrie Bird, Clearwater Clerk
IACT: Tracie Lloyd, Canyon Treasurer
IPAA: Bryan Taylor, Canyon Prosecutor
ISACC: Lucky Bourn, Minidoka Coroner
District 1: Dan Dinning, Boundary Commissioner
District 3: Tom Dale, Canyon Commissioner
District 4: Don Hall, Twin Falls Commissioner
District 5: Craig Rowland, Bingham Sheriff
District 6: Brent Mendenhall, Madison Commissioner

Members Not Present:

ISA: Kieran Donahue, Canyon Sheriff
District 2: Dave McGraw, Latah Commissioner

Other Guests:

Seth Grigg, Executive Director, IAC
Kelli Brassfield, IAC Staff
Tim Hibbard, IAC Staff
Jeremy Chou, IAC Staff
Mike Kane, Idaho Sheriff's Association
Vaughn Killeen, Idaho Sheriff's Association
Brad Wills, Twin Falls Assessor
Lorna Jorgensen, Ada County
Diana Lachiondo, Ada County
Phil McGrane, Ada County

10:00 am **I. Call to order** - Chair Chris Goetz
A. Roll Call
B. Minutes – March 6, 2019

Tom Dale made a motion to approve the minutes from March 6, 2019. Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.

10:05 am **II. IAC Priorities**

- A. [H0173](#) Mail ballot threshold increase to 140 – Senate 3rd Reading
- B. [HJM005](#) No net loss land transfers to Federal Government – Senate Resources Monday
- C. [S1054](#) Regional Behavioral Health Board modification – House Floor
- D. [S1055](#) Repeal issuance of AIDS pamphlets w/ marriage licenses – Floor
- E. [S1074](#) Jail medical for individuals released from sheriff's custody – Referred to House Jud. Hospitals withdrew their opposition.
- F. [S1093](#) Pretrial supervision fees, Odyssey – House Judiciary and Rules Today
- G. [S1116](#) Apportionment of liquor funds for magistrate court - House Judiciary and Rules
- H. [S1122](#) Juvenile probation fees, Odyssey - House Judiciary and Rules
- I. [S1123](#) Tax intercept for debts less than \$50 - House Judiciary and Rules
- J. [S1126](#) Budget surplus eliminator – Senate Transportation
May be heard soon.
- K. In Process: justice levy limits

10:25 am

III. Old Business

A. Medical Expansion

The trailer bill from Rep. Wood doesn't have to happen this year. The proposal would create flexibility in counties for spending on justice related items and counties would not be required to cover the medical costs for those that would qualify for the indigent program. The funding side of this bill would have counties pay 45% of the state's 10% match rate. This was meant to mirror what the counties are currently paying for indigent medical care. The draft does include a cap that counties would be responsible for. The cap is based on the individuals. It would be a 3% cap for those that have been enrolled. If the premium was \$100 then it couldn't exceed \$103 the next year. Rep. Wood is looking at a limit on counties obligation to pay for indigent payments on a five-year average, or if counties have a savings, they would pass on the savings to taxpayers. Committee members agree they would like to see Medicaid funded for the first six months and would be willing to work with the sponsor over the interim to come up with the best bill.

Committee discussed wanting to see the state fund Medicaid fully so the true impact could be determined and then counties could work together to provide a unified front. The department should have a good idea of what the enrollment rate actually is as of January of next year. IAC has worked to provide and estimated impact with the highest estimated enrollment rate. The enrollment rate could be lower than the estimate.

The committee as an option to help lower costs and get individuals on insurance reviewed the old PCIP program. The problem with that is a waiver is needed to do that. The sideboard bill had a provision to allow those from 100-138% to receive a subsidy to purchase health insurance.

12:00 pm

IV. New Business

A. [H0259](#) Sales tax, Out of state retailers, online

This bill would allow for collecting sales tax from online purchases. All entities that have a brick and mortar in Idaho are already paying sales tax and will continue to go through the revenue sharing model. The change is for those that do not have a physical presence in Idaho. These entities would now be required to collect and remit sales tax to the state if they sell over \$100,000. It would also create a new bucket for those sales tax dollars. That money would not go to the revenue sharing formula. It is estimated to be about \$30M collected and the impact to counties is would be a little over \$1M.

Donna Peterson made a motion to support H0259 if the bill is amended to utilize the new funds for items like public defense, Medicaid expansion, and/or transportation. Doug Zenner seconded. Motion carried.

B. [S1159](#) Initiative Referendum Process

The concerns with S1159 are the administrative costs for this increase. The bill was heard on Monday and has been scheduled for further consideration on Friday. This bill increases the needed registered voter signature from 6% in 18 legislative districts to 10% in 32 legislative districts. The number of people that came to testify was overwhelming opposed. This bill could change the petition process from a grass roots process to more of a commercial process. Ada County saw out of state paid individuals coming in with big dollars to work on the initiatives that were on the ballot. Committee members don't see a problem with the current process. The legislature is not keen on having the public legislating. When the public steps up and passes something the legislature says, you stepped on our turf and they change the requirements to make it harder.

C. [S1171](#) Medicaid Expansion Funding

Cleared the senate on a 31-3 vote. The House doesn't feel that there are the votes to pass the House. This bill will sit for a little bit. If it fails, they will have to draft a new appropriations bill.

12:00 pm

V. Adjourn

A. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 20th, at 10:00 am MST/9:00 am PST via conference call