LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING

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RESOURCES

IAC LEGISLATIVE ALERTS

House and Senate Judiciary Committee to Take Up Public Defense Commission Rules

The Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee is scheduled to debate pending Public Defense Commission Rules on Monday, January 14th at 1:30 pm in Room WW54. The House Judiciary, Rules, and Administration Committee will take up the pending rules on Tuesday, January 15th at 1:30 pm in Room EW42.

IAC LEGISLATIVE ALERTS

Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee

Chair: Senator Todd Lakey (Canyon County) - tlakey@senate.idaho.gov

Vice Chair: Senator Abby Lee (Adams, Payette, and Washington Counties) - alee@senate.idaho.gov

Senator Patti Anne Lodge (Canyon County) - palodge@senate.idaho.gov

Senator Kelly Anthon (Cassia and Minidoka Counties) - kanthon@senate.idaho.gov

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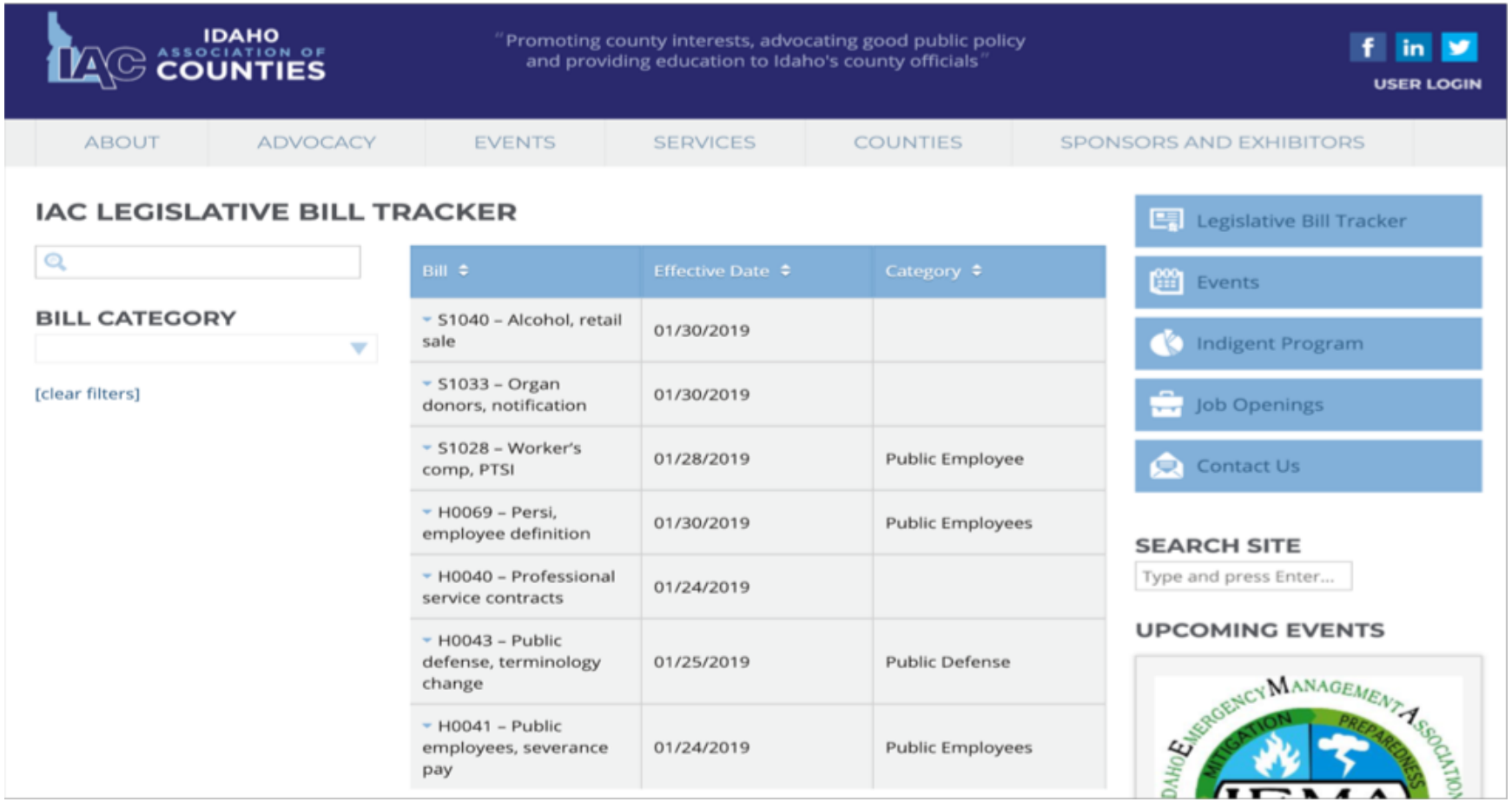
Senator C. Scott Grow (Ada County) - sgrow@senate.idaho.gov

Senator Don Cheatham (Kootenai County) - dcheatham@senate.idaho.gov

Senator Grant Burgoyne (Ada County) - gburgoyne@senate.idaho.gov

Senator Mark Nye (Bannock County) - mnye@senate.idaho.gov

IAC BILL TRACKER



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IDAHO LEGISLATURE WEBSITE: LEGISLATURE.IDAHO.GOV

IAC LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

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- Any IAC affiliate, district, or committee (driven by members) can submit legislative proposals
- Proposals are due by September 1st
- Membership reviews and votes on legislative proposals at September IAC Annual Conference
- IAC Legislative Committee has jurisdiction over legislative matters during the legislative session
- IAC Legislative Committee meets weekly to review legislation and take positions on behalf of membership

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

- Chair: Clearwater County Sheriff Chris Goetz
- Vice Chair: Payette County Treasurer Donna Peterson
- District Reps: Dan Dinning, Dave McGraw, Tom Dale, Don Hall, Craig Rowland, Brent Mendenhall
- Affiliate Reps: Justin Baldwin, Carrie Bird, Lucky Bourne, Kieran Donahue, Tracy Lloyd, Brian Taylor, Doug Zenner

2019 IAC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- Raise the county justice levy cap
- Public defense reform
  - Transition to state based public defense delivery system
  - Identify adequate funding for increasing costs/public defense commission rules compliance
- Local option sales tax for county jail improvements
- Clarify county responsibility for jail medical expenses

CRIMINAL JUSTICE – CONT'D

- Collection of court ordered fines fees, and other debts owed:
  - Court ordered supervised pretrial release fees
  - Court ordered juvenile probation fees
  - Tax intercept for debts owed to the court
- Magistrate court funding – state liquor fund distribution formula

IAC LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, CONT'D

- Flat recording fee
- Mail ballot precinct thresholds
- Online legal notice
- Transportation funding – remove sunset on Strategic Initiatives Program (Budget Surplus Eliminator)

OTHER IAC LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

MEMBER SUPPORTED IAC LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

- Composition of behavioral health boards
  - Allow any county commissioner to server on behavioral health boards (not just BOCC chairs)
- Repeal requirement for clerks to issue AIDS pamphlets with marriage licenses
- Joint memorial to Congress regarding the transfer of private lands to federal ownership

OTHER LEGISLATIVE ISSUES IMPACTING COUNTIES

MEDICAID EXPANSION

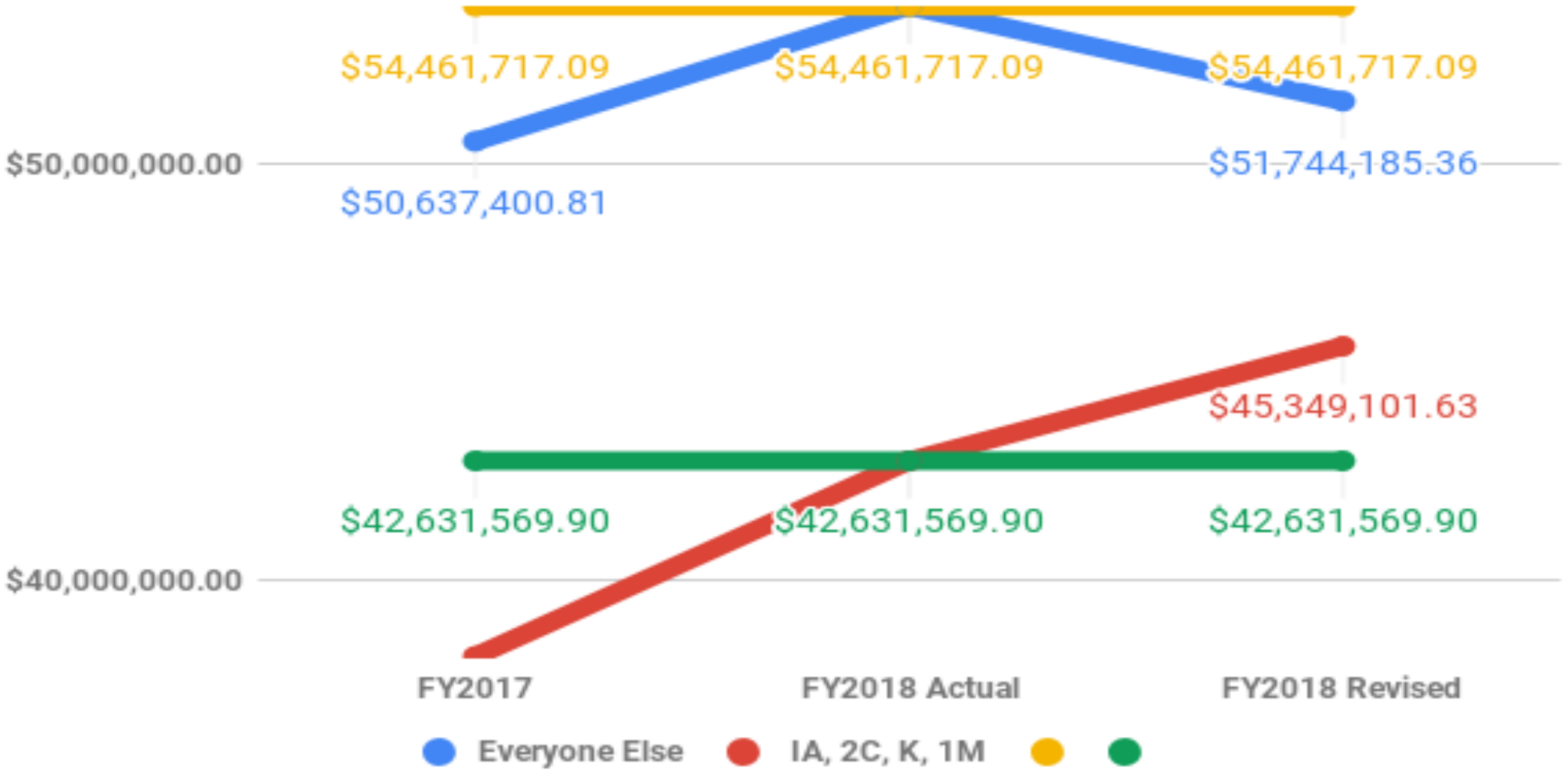
- House Concept
  - State and counties split cost of expansion 50/50
  - Suspend CAT and county indigent programs
  - Potential sideboards include lifetime benefit caps, work requirements, copays, etc.
- Senate Concept
  - Pay for Medicaid expansion using state funds (Millennium Fund as well as savings to CAT Fund, H&W, IDOC)
  - Keep CAT and county indigent programs in place (for now)

MEDICAID EXPANSION QUESTIONS

- If counties are required to help fund expansion, is there an equitable way of doing so?
- Will the legislature tie an increase in the county justice levy to expansion?
- What about involuntary mental health commitments? Who bears responsibility?
- What about individual who do not qualify for Medicaid and do not purchase insurance?

SALES TAX REVENUE SHARING

- Cities and counties receive 11.5% of sales tax collections
- Formula for calculating revenue sharing to county is multifaceted
- Proposed legislation would consolidate county and state revenue sharing and set a new “base” year payment
- Growth in revenue sharing payments would based only on population
- 4 counties are net winners (Ada, Canyon, Kootenai, Madison)
- 40 counties are net losers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NOTICE AND APPEAL OF SBOE DECISIONS

- Sponsor: Senator Dean Mortimer and Bonneville County
- IAC Position: Support
- Currently counties and taxpayers cannot appeal state board of equalization decisions (SBOE)
- Proposal would:
  - Require written notice to county if values are out of compliance
  - Equalization cannot occur without notice
  - Counties or taxpayers could appeal SBOE decisions

LOCAL OPTION LIQUOR LICENSING –S1040

- Sponsor: Senator Jim Rice
- IAC Position: Neutral
- Gives cities and counties option of issue liquor licenses to restaurants.
- Cities and counties would have oversight and enforcement authority, authorized to collect fee of a minimum of $3,000
- Local licenses would be nontransferable, existing state licenses would be transferrable
- Existing state license holders would receive 10% discount on purchases from State Liquor Division

LOCAL DESIGNATION OF 129,000 POUND TRUCK ROUTS

- Allows local governments to retain jurisdiction over designation of 129k truck routes on local system
- If local jurisdiction chooses to designate routes, stablishes permit application process
- Engineering fee of up to $5,000
- $100 permit fee
- $50 of state permit fee would provide grant funding to assist locals with engineering studies

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

- County Impacts:
  - Clerk to receive and review campaign finance reports for all local government elections
  - Local initiative, referendum, and recall proposals (except for those for a city) will be reviewed by county prosecuting attorney
  - All county elected officials, initiatives, referendums, and recalls subject to law
  - Campaign finance reports are required if candidate (or measure) receives or spends more than $500 (reporting requirement applies to all state and local elected offices)

QUESTIONS