



# 2020 IAC Virtual Membership Meeting

September 23 | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm MDT

## General Session Presentation

### *Truth in Taxation*

*Presented by: Alan Dornfest, Idaho State Tax Commission*

IAC has invited Alan Dornfest from the Idaho State Tax Commission to provide a 30 minute presentation on the basics of truth in taxation. In its first two meetings, the Idaho Legislature's Property Taxes and Revenue Expenditures Study Committee focused its attention on local government transparency. This includes not only transparency in budget reporting but also transparency in how local governments budget. One topic of interest to the committee is truth in taxation.

Truth in taxation can mean different things to different people. At its core, Truth in taxation means disclosure of how proposed budgets will impact individual taxpayers. Idaho flirted with truth in taxation in the early 1990's only to abandon it after a few years. Truth in taxation is popular in states like Texas and Utah. It is incumbent upon county officials to understand truth in taxation, including its pros and cons, in order to work with the study committee in finding solutions to address rising property taxes.

Please join IAC as part of our virtual membership meeting on September 23 to learn about truth in taxation and its potential impact on local government budgeting in Idaho.

