Collaboratively creating a single source of truth for all state and local government financial data.

Welcome & Introductions
Meet the Team

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Agenda

- Why is Transparency Important?
- History of Transparent Idaho
- Vision of Transparency
- Highlights of HB73
- Benefits of Transparency and Data Analytics
- Phased Approach & Project Timeline
- Question & Answer Session
Transparency is not a New Concept

“We might hope to see the finances of the Union as clear and intelligible as a merchant’s books, so that every member of Congress and every man of any mind in the Union should be able to comprehend them, to investigate abuses, and consequently to control them.”

-Thomas Jefferson, 1802

Public Trust: All Time Low

Public trust in the federal government remains at historic low

% who say they trust the federal government to do what is right just about always/most of the time

Note: From 1976-2019 the trend line represents a three-survey moving average.

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Building upon existing transparency efforts

We want to celebrate the transparency efforts many of you have undertaken up to this point!

Highlights of HB73

- Tasks the State Controller’s Office to work collaboratively to create uniform accounting, budgeting, and financial reporting procedures for counties, cities, urban renewal agencies, education providers, and all other local districts to utilize.

- Establishes the committee on uniform accounting and transparency for local government entities. This committee will be staffed by three (3) members of the senate, three (3) members of the house, and State Controller Brandon Woolf.

- Tasks the State Controller’s office with providing a public facing website for the reporting of local governmental entities’ accounting, budgeting, and financial data.

- Allows the State Controller’s Office to define a staggered or phased approach.
Highlights of HB73 (Cont.)

- Maintains the reporting requirements to Legislative Service Office (LSO) online central registry until a time when the State Controller’s Office can take on that responsibility fully.

- Establishes that any local governmental entity fails to submit information required to LSO may have penalties imposed including but not limited to fines and prohibition from including any budget increases in their upcoming request.

- PLEASE NOTE: The provisions of HB73 do not impact or effect reporting requirements to the state tax commission.

Benefits of Transparency and Data Analytics

- Getting to the Facts
  Providing a scalable apples-to-apples comparison of data from across the state.

- Tell your story
  Greater transparency tells the stories often lost in the data. Your story is important, is your data telling it?

- Standard Reporting
  The ability to automate the export of a standard report for legislative reporting requirements.

- Potential Cost Savings
  Governments able to analyze their data against other comparable local data found significant cost savings.

- Easy Tracking
  Compare, contrast, and track how your initiatives are performing throughout their lifecycle.

- Efficiency
  Cut down on the public records requests so you can focus on serving the citizens in your county.
Opportunities – Gathering Accurate Data

- **Ponder this:** How would you go about collecting accurate data on the amount of money spent on public safety in the state?

- A reporting standard provides the ability to view and compare entities across the entire state.

How much time do we have to do this?

HB73 outlined a 5-year period to implement the required changes.

Over the next 12 months we will:
1. Identify a pilot group for county government stakeholder group
2. Review current requirements for local repository
3. Collaboratively create uniform standards & procedures
4. Migrate the local repository to the State Controller’s Office
5. Begin working with pilot groups
Frequently Asked Questions

- How is data going to be converted and scrubbed to ensure confidential/protected information is not shared on Transparent Idaho?
- What will the frequency of data loading be? Can this load be automated?
- What is the financial impact of Local Transparent Idaho on the counties?
- Will the local transparency effort require duplicative reporting efforts by county staff?

Local Government Audit Registry

- The State Controller’s Office has been tasked with migrating the registry to Transparent Idaho and overseeing all future registry requirements.
- The migration will occur on January 1, 2022. The legislature has move the deadline to update the audit registry to January 15th yearly.
- To ensure entities do not face noncompliance for two years in a row, please ensure 2021’s audit registry requirements are completed by September 1st and that all subsequent years are completed by no later than January 15th.
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