

2023 Legislative Outlook

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Legislative Turnover



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PRIMARY RESULTS BY THE NUMBERS

31

New House
Members
(44% Turnover)

19

New Senators
(54% Turnover)

7

New House
Committee Chairs
(50% Turnover)

7

New Senator
Committee Chairs
(70% Turnover)



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Leadership Changes

- Senate majority leadership may remain the same, but minority leadership will change.
- Speaker Race
 - Mike Moyle
 - Jason Monks
 - Brent Crane
 - Wendy Horman



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Committee Turnover

Senate Finance

Chair: Open

Vice-Chair: Open

- Other Vacancies
 - 3 Republicans
 - 1 Democrat
- Likely Returning
 - 3 Republicans
 - 1 Democrat

House Appropriations

Chair: Open

Vice-Chair: Open

- Other Vacancies
 - 4 Republicans
- Likely Returning
 - 2 Republicans
 - 2 Democrats



Committee Turnover

Senate Local Government & Taxation

Chair: Open

Vice-Chair: Scott Grow

- Additional Vacancies
 - 3 Republicans
 - 1 Democrat
- Likely Returning
 - 2 Republicans
 - 1 Democrat

House Revenue & Taxation

Chair: Open

Vice-Chair: Open

- Additional Vacancies
 - 7 Republicans
 - 1 Democrat
- Likely Returning
 - 6 Republicans
 - 1 Democrat



Committee Turnover

House Local Government

Chair: Dirk Mendive

Vice-Chair: Mike Kingsley

- Vacancies
 - 3 Republicans
- Likely Returning
 - 6 Republicans
 - 2 Democrats



Committee Turnover

Senate Judiciary & Rules

Chair: Todd Lakey

Vice-Chair: Doug Ricks

- Vacancies
 - 3 Republicans
 - 1 Democrat
- Likely Returning
 - 2 Republicans
 - 1 Democrat

House Judiciary & Rules

Chair: Open

Vice-Chair: Open

- Additional Vacancies
 - 5 Republicans
 - 2 Democrats
- Likely Returning
 - 6 Republicans
 - 2 Democrats



Committee Turnover

Senate State Affairs

Chair: Open

Vice-Chair: Jim Guthrie

- Additional Vacancies
 - 1 Republican
 - 2 Democrats
- Likely Returning
 - 4 Republicans

House State Affairs

Chair: Brent Crane

Vice-Chair: Open

- Additional Vacancies
 - 1 Republican
- Likely Returning
 - 9 Republicans
 - 2 Democrats



Committee Turnover

Senate Transportation

Chair: Lori Den Hartog

Vice-Chair: Open

- Additional Vacancies
 - 4 Republicans
- Likely Returning
 - 1 Republican
 - 2 Democrat

House Transportation

Chair: Joe Palmer

Vice-Chair: Jason Monks

- Additional Vacancies
 - 7 Republicans
 - 1 Democrat
- Likely Returning
 - 7 Republicans
 - 2 Democrats



Medical Indigency



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HB735 Indigent/CAT Program

- CAT program will remain in place through July 1, 2023 to process applications
- Applications will be processed according to Chapter 35, Title 31 as it existed on March 1, 2022
- Counties must process all applications for financial assistance, including suspended applications, by March 1, 2023 in order to allow CAT to act upon applications for services received prior to March 31, 2022
- Non-medical may continue



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What Now?

- **Still collect reimbursements**
 - Reimbursements will be deposited into the county current expense fund. NOTE: Where possible, be sure to segregate reimbursements to be remitted to the state
 - Remit CAT portion as you have
- **Applications**
 - Dates of service prior to March 1, 2022
 - Dates of service from to March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022
 - Dates of service after March 31, 2022
 - Suspensions/appeals



Public Defense



Governor's Working Group

- Governor's Office is joining IAC in the creation of a working group to explore alternative public defense models.
- Four county commissioners will participate in the working group for geographic and demographic representation,
- Public defenders and legislators will also participate.
- Kickoff meeting will take place later this summer.
- Likely alternatives will include a regional/judicial district based model with some level of state oversight.
- System will be fully funded from non property tax revenue sources.



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Property Tax



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Tax Relief Options

- Dedicated funding for state mandated services.
- Sales tax replacement for property taxes.
- Increased reliance on user fees, like fuel tax, registration fees, impact fees, and other user generated revenue sources.
- Repeal of sales tax on groceries.



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Post Election Audit



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Idaho Elections are Secure

- Ada, Bannock, Bonneville, Idaho, Jerome, Kootenai, Madison and Payette counties were selection for post election audits.
- Audit results validate integrity and security of Idaho's county managed election process.



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DMV Update



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Solutions on Horizon

- Working group of Assessors working with ITD
- Most feasible policy solutions
 - Increase title fees
 - Increase vin fees
- Meeting with Committee Chairs in July

