



OVERVIEW OF OPE AND DISCUSSION OF REPORTS

AFFECTING COUNTIES

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Since 1994, our office has examined the efficiency and effectiveness of state agencies, programs, and policies.





We are non-partisan and work at the direction of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee.





Legislators can submit requests to the Oversight Committee. The Committee selects from among requests.





Current projects include:

- **Luma**
- **Residential Care for Children and Youth**
- **K-12 Education Funding**





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When you'll hear from us.





Impact of State Mandates on County Governments



**Jan.
2019**

Poor collaboration between counties and the state has left county officials feeling like a special interest group rather than a strategic partner.

A collaborative relationship between counties and the state will improve the implementation of mandates.

We developed a checklist for new or revised state mandates.



County Revenues



**Dec.
2020**

Property taxes are a key component of county revenues, but data limitations are an ongoing challenge to property tax analysis.

Between 1996 and 2016, budgeted county revenue in Idaho grew slower than Idaho's population, a reverse of nationwide trends.



Voluntary Providers of Emergency Medical Services



**Nov.
2021**

Idaho faces EMS funding and staffing challenges that could affect patient care, especially in rural communities.

22% of EMS directors reported sufficient funding; 18% reported they can maintain sufficient staff.

We recommended the Bureau of EMS improve monitoring and technical assistance to help agencies meet statutory requirements.



Representation for Children and Youth in Child Protection Cases

Gaps in representation have occurred and the state does not have a way to validate all children and youth are being served.



**Feb.
2018**



**Feb.
2024**



County Coroners and Death Investigations



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2024

Idaho Code provides little direction for coroners on many of their duties, creating an inconsistent death investigation system across the state.



What we can do for you.



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