

2025 Legislative Update

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IAC PRIORITIES



CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS CLEAN-UP

IAC supports further clean-up efforts to Idaho's consolidated election laws.

- Standardizes filing, withdrawal, and ballot creation deadlines
- Eliminates confusion
- Reduces the overall risks in elections administration

PUBLIC DEFENSE REFORM

IAC supports continued efforts to clarify funding responsibilities for public defense

- Ensure state code aligns with House Bill 236 so counties are not paying for public defense-related expenses

PUBLIC DEFENSE REFORM

Working group

Seth Grigg	Lori Woolf	Andy Snook
Chairman Todd Lakey	Sen. Van Burtenshaw	Sen. Treg Bernt
Chairman Bruce Skaug	Rep. Jon Weber	Rep. Dustin Manwaring

TOURISM TAX

IAC supports a dedicated tourism tax to help counties address direct impacts of tourism.

- Relieves burden on Idaho taxpayers
- Funding would support critical state-mandated services
 - Public safety
 - Emergency communications (e911)
 - EMS services
 - Roads & bridges
 - Other critical infrastructure

PUBLIC NOTICES

IAC supports allowing counties or the state to create and host a centralized website for publishing electronic public notices to save taxpayer dollars.

- H033: Allows individuals, governmental entities, and businesses the option to publish required notices electronically on SCO website with same legal effect as publishing in traditional newspaper
- Public access free of charge
- Allows legal notice publication to be included with regular mailings, such as utility bill

PROCUREMENT LAW CHANGES

IAC supports increasing procurement law thresholds, and allowing use of the lowest responsible bidder.

- Aligns with common-sense standards state uses
- Ensures taxpayer dollars spent wisely and projects completed efficiently and effectively

IAC Policies

(Use the qr code to view IAC's 2025 Approved Policies Packet.)



IAC POLICIES

- Youth Vape Prevention
- PTR Benefit Increase
- Coroner Records: Public Records Exemption
- Hospital Property Tax Exemption
- District Board of Health Food License Fees
- Coroner Powers/Duties, Definitions, Education
- EMS Identified as Critical by State Legislature
- Solid Waste Disposal Responsibility



Other Legislation Impacting Counties



TAX RELIEF

- H0039: \$50 million in refundable education tax credits
- H0040: Reduce income tax rate to 5.3%
- H00##: Increase the grocery tax credit to \$\$\$
- H00##: \$50 million in additional property tax relief through the School District Facility Fund

KILOWATT HOUR TAX

- Establish kWh tax for rate regulated electric utilities
- Establish a BTU tax for rate regulated gas utilities
- kWh and BTU tax would be in lieu of property tax
- Local budgets held harmless
- Codify 4R Act as exemption exclusively for railroads

HOUSE BILL 25: TRANSPORTATION EXPANSION & CONGESTION MITIGATION (TECM)

Creates a new distribution framework for sales tax revenues.

- \$100 million designated for the state
- \$45 million fixed annually for local government highway projects

HOUSE BILL 58: MEDICAID EXPANSION REPEAL (KELLI)



QUESTIONS

