



## **Week 6 Idaho Legislative Update for February 14 – February 18, 2022**

The sixth week of the Sixty-Sixth Idaho Legislature's Second Regular Session was the most fast-paced and intense week of the session so far. Following the massive influx of bills last week ahead of print deadlines for non-privileged committees, the chairmen and committee members packed meeting agendas with robust debates as they worked to beat the transmittal deadline where Senate bills need to be to the House and vice versa. With many committees meeting at the same time, legislators were scrambling between their committee assignments this week, leaving many seats empty as legislators were presenting their bills in another committee.

The estuary of the Governor's budget recommendation and JFAC priorities was finally realized this morning as the first supplementals for transportation passed out of JFAC on a 20-0-0 vote for a "DO PASS" recommendation – this was historic. This package includes a one-time \$200 Million-dollar cost from the General Fund. It is the first of two transportation funding packages expected to roll out this session. It is also a signal that the State's leaders priorities are in unison this year, which illustrates a stark contrast from last year's approach, which is a much-welcomed change. The results from this week have us believing this to be one of the most efficient and succinct sessions in many years.

One point of contention between JFAC and the Governor's Office was over the Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) recommendation. A motion from Rep. Scott Syme (R – 11) produced a recommendation for a 3% increase and a \$1.25 per unit increase, which passed on a 15-5-0 vote – no other motions were made on this proposal, despite rumors of a heated debate, at least so far. With floor votes looming, the CEC increase, which would result in an average increase of 7% in pay for state employees starting in July, is likely to be debated. Depending on how the \$1.25 fits into state employee's pay, it could make a very large or very small difference in their salary.

Meanwhile, on the second floor of the Idaho Capitol, bills have begun to hit the Governor's Desk and creative signing ceremonies outside the Capitol are taking place for the big-ticket items. Governor Little continues to quickly treat each bill he receives, signaling yet again that the House, Senate, and Governor have reached consensus on many topics and are all eager to get through session quickly.

With the Governor's supported "trifecta" of tax cuts, education funding, and transportation funding all well underway as part of his [Leading Idaho](#) initiative, many other policies are also working their way through the legislative process. Regulatory reforms, attempts to curb rules processes, further revisions to licensure, and many more tax and education bills continue to work through committees. Some bills have sparked robust debate and questions from the committee while others seem to be on a fast track for passage.

With the halfway point behind us, the pace at which the session moves will continue to ramp up next week. Budget setting is on schedule, and committees are racing to get their work done. Floor sessions continue to get longer each day and, after many attempts by a small group of legislators to hijack legislation and introduce the repeal of the grocery tax, the calendars grow longer. Extended floor debates are setting the stage for multiple lengthy floor sessions each day in the weeks ahead. Predictions over who will complete their work first, the House or Senate, have started to be murmured throughout the halls of the basement of the Capitol, but there are still weeks ahead to get things through the process, with no shortage of ideas and bills left unintroduced that could delay or derail the session.

In addition to this report, all bills from the 2022 Idaho Legislative Session can be viewed through the [Idaho State Legislative Website](#). The Governor's Bill Tracker can be viewed [HERE](#). For more information on any policy or process, please contact us. A link to the Governor's State of the State Address and Budget Highlights can be viewed [HERE](#).



## **Policies, Appropriations and Rules Updates:**

### **Policies**

#### **HB 611 – Reinsurance, Claims House Business Committee**

Direct the Dept. of Insurance to apply for a federal waiver that enables greater flexibility under the Affordable Care Act and should lead to more premium reductions for customers in the high-risk pool. To do so, there would be a one-time, \$25 million appropriation for the High-Risk Reinsurance Pool.

**Sponsor: Rep. Furniss (R-35)**

#### **HB 534 – State Insurance Fund House Commerce & Human Resources Committee**

Intends to allow the State Insurance Fund (SIF) to transition from state vacation and leave programs to Paid Time Off (PTO) and holidays. This would align more with private sector positions. The bill will digitalize their financial transaction offerings with online banking and mobile applications without the approval of the State Controller's Office and Treasurer's office.

**Sponsor: Rep. Gestrin (R-8), Sen. Lakey (R-12) - four co-sponsors**

#### **SB 1259 – Medicaid, Certified Caregivers, and Property Taxes Senate Floor**

In-home caregivers and home-bound persons. Certified Family Home. You receive Medicaid reimbursement for housing those people, and for some, that would bump you above the circuitbreaker, but only at the state/local level. About 2,500 homes, serving over 3,000 residents. About \$50 per day, where them being institutionalized is around \$100 per day, resulting in a cost-saving for the State.

**Sponsor: Sen. Wintrow (D-19)**

#### **HB 551 – Subpoena Powers for the PERSI Board House Floor**

This proposal would grant subpoena authority to the PERSI Board. The Board would use this power to produce evidence from financial institutions when necessary to resolve a disputed claim.

**Sponsor: Rep. Syme (R-11)**

#### **HB 552 – PERSI Withdrawal Penalties House Floor**

To solidify its legal positions, this proposal would change language in existing State Code relating to PERSI that would change use of the term "liability" to "penalty".

**Sponsor: Rep. Syme (R-11)**

#### **HB 553 – PERSI Background Checks House Floor**

If passed, this proposal would enable PERSI to cooperate with Idaho State Police to perform FBI criminal history background checks.

**Sponsor: Rep. Syme (R-11)**

#### **HB 554 – Definitions – PERSI House Floor**

HB 554 is a language update proposal. Current State Code would have the definitions of "Early Retirement" and "Service Retirement" added to be consistent with Federal Code.

**Sponsor: Rep. Syme (R-11)**



**HB 555 – Reemployment, PERSI House Commerce & Human Resources Committee**

In an attempt to lower the general member contribution rate for school employees, this proposal seeks to create a new School Employee rate and allow for previously-retired educators to return to the workforce without risking the benefits they have accrued over their career.

**Sponsor: Rep. Horman (R-30)**

**HB 444 - Extending Sunset of Coronavirus Limited Immunity Act (70-0) Passed the House – Senate Floor**

HB 444 intends to extend the end date of the Coronavirus Limited Immunity Act from July 1, 2022, to July 1, 2023.

**Sponsors: Rep. Young (R-31), Rep. Kerby (R-9), and Rep. Skaug (R-12) – co-sponsored by Sen. Lakey (R-12) and Rep. Monks (R-22)**

**HB 445 – Care of Vaccines, Antitoxins, and Other Sera To the Governor**

HB 445 repeals Section 39-1501, which relates to vaccines, antitoxins, and other sera. The section has been noted to be outdated.

**Sponsor: Rep. Blanksma (R-23)**

**HB 446 – Controlled Substance, Nabiximols (65-5) Passed the House – Senate Floor**

HB 446 revises Uniformed Controlled Substances Act to update the definitions of “marijuana” and “tetrahydrocannabinols” under Idaho’s Uniform Controlled Substance Act to exclude nabiximols in a drug product form approved by the FDA. The passage will allow nabiximols to be prescribed after the approval of the drug from the FDA and scheduled by the DEA.

**Sponsors: Rep. Wood (R-27), Sen. Martin (R-15)**

**HB 450 – Unemployment Insurance Tax Rates Signed by Governor**

HB 450 would maintain the base tax rate for unemployment insurance on employers at 2021 levels for years 2022 and 2023. Per the Fiscal Note and Statement of Purpose, this legislation would result in a \$64 million decrease in the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund over two consecutive years, reducing the tax burden on Idaho businesses that same amount over the two-year period.

**Sponsor: Rep. Syme (R-11)**

**HCR 029 – Intervention & Severe Emotional Trauma (42-25-3) Passed the House – Senate Floor**

This resolution aims to heighten awareness within the legislative body and greater network of state personnel of the short and long-term impacts of childhood trauma have on people and encouraging the implementation of appropriate intervention techniques in their intrapersonal relationships.

**Sponsors: Sen. Nelson (D-5), Sen. Agenbroad (R-13), Rep. Green (D-18), Rep. Lickley (R-25)**

**HCR 30 – PANDA/PANS Awareness Day House Health & Welfare Committee**

Every year since 2019, the Governor has issued a proclamation declaring October 9<sup>th</sup> “PANDA/PANS Awareness Day”. This resolution seeks to have the legislature declare October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 “PANDA/PANS Awareness Day” to support the thousands of children and families across Idaho affected by these conditions.

**Sponsor: Rep. Mathias (D-19)**



**HB 461 – Armed Forces Scholarships (67-0-3) Passed the House – Senate Floor**

Currently, the state Armed Forces Scholarship's availability is exclusive to family members of armed service members killed in combat. The intent of this proposal is to expand the availability of this opportunity to families of those lost in training incidents. This idea came from the Army National Guard incident near Lucky Peak in February 2021 where three lives were lost in a helicopter crash.

**Sponsor: Rep. Mathias (D-19)**

**SB 1233 – Shared Investigation Authority – DOPL Senate Commerce & Human Resources Committee**

This bill hopes to enable across-the-board collaboration between Department of Occupational & Professional Licenses (DOPL) boards and commissions to improve transparency and efficiency during investigations.

**Sponsor: Sen. Souza (R-4)**

**SB 1236 – State Health Savings Accounts (34-0-1) Passed the Senate – House Commerce & Human Resources Committee**

SB 1236 intends to update the Department of Administration's provisions for state employee health savings accounts. This allows employees to deposit no more than the difference between the highest deductible health plan and the lowest deductible health plan per month.

**Sponsor: Sen. Thayne (R-8)**

**SB 1239 – Legislative Session Uniformity Senate State Affairs Committee**

Ensures that each regular session of the legislature shall adjourn by a certain date. It is intended to keep the legislative session uniform and part time but makes exceptions for declared disasters and emergency events.

**Sponsor: Sen. Guthrie (R-28)**

**SB 1244 – Occupational Licenses (33-0-2) Passed the Senate**

SB 1244 repeals requirement to establish an advanced practice registered nurse advisory board, but the administrator of DOPL may create and discontinue committees as they see fit. Technical corrections have also been added to this language.

**Sponsor: Sen. Riggs (R-3)**

**SB 1245 - Board of Pharmacy Definitions (34-0-1) Passed the Senate – House Health & Welfare Committee**

SB 1245 repeals Section 54-1704 which relates to various pharmaceutical definitions. Technical corrections to the language and the removal of definitions have been made that are reflected in other relevant sections. This bill does not add new requirements but is used to add clarity.

**Sponsor: Sen. Harris (R-32)**

**SB 1246 - Uniform Controlled Substance Act (32-0-3) Passed the Senate – House Health & Welfare Committee**

SB 1246 is meant to reflect the DEA controlled substance decisions for 2021. This includes synthetic opioids in Schedule I, opiates in Schedule II, and anticonvulsant substance in Schedule V.

**Sponsor: Sen. Wintrow (D-19)**



**[HB 515 – Public Health Districts and Boards, Clarifications](#) (65-0-5) Passed the House – Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

This bill would amend State Code to reflect the status of Public Health District/Board employees as not being employees of the State of Idaho.

**Sponsor: Rep. Blanksma (R-23)**

**[HB 516 – Clarification Surrounding Public Health Districts](#) (67-0-3) Passed the House – Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

HB 516 would add clarifying language in State Code that would enable Public Health Districts to create personnel support systems that establish rates-of-pay for appointments, demotions, promotions, separations, and other actions.

**Sponsor: Rep. Blanksma (R-23)**

**[SB 1256 - Notarization Process for Background Checks](#) (34-0-1) Passed Senate – House Health & Welfare Committee**

Change would allow for electronic signatures to be used when background checks are notarized.

This proposal hopes to expedite notarization process, eases regulatory burden, and reduces costs on those that need those checks performed.

**Sponsor: Rep. Bair (R-31)**

**[SB 1257 – Southwest Idaho Treatment Center Classification](#) (28-6-1) Passed Senate - House Health & Welfare Committee**

Current Statute makes it tough for SWITC to turn towards a community re-entry model of care under current regulations. To help address this, the proposal would remove the definition of ICT/IID (Intermediate Care Facility) as it applies to the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center.

**Sponsor: Sen. Wintrow (D-19)**

**[SB 1258 – Authority, State Hospitals and Treatment Facilities](#) (34-0-1) Passed Senate – House Health & Welfare Committee**

This bill would amend the current list of state institutions by adding State Hospital West.

**Sponsor: Sen. Stennett (D-26)**

**[SB 1260 - Contraception](#) Senate Floor**

Allows contraception to be prescribed in six-month intervals. There is also language added that would require shorter prescription intervals for "new users".

**Sponsor: Sen. Wintrow (D-19)**

**[HB 510 – State & Local Taxes, Businesses](#) (69-0-1) Passed the House – Senate Local Government & Taxation Committee**

This proposal aims to “make technical corrections to legislation passed in 2021 (HB 317)”. That bill allowed Affected Business Entities (ABE’s) to elect to pay state income taxes on behalf of their owners, making those payments deductible from their federal taxes. This new bill would extend that election opportunity to trusts, estates, and ABE’s with owners that have no Idaho income tax liability.

**Sponsor: Rep. Okuniewicz (R-2)**



**SB 1270 – Down Syndrome Diagnosis Information Senate Floor**

This bill is an informational proposal that will not be mandatory but will provide parents with making an informed decision regarding testing for a down syndrome diagnosis. This bill intends to broaden the audiences targeted and adds an annual review by medical experts and the Idaho Down Syndrome Council.

**Sponsor: Sen. Martin (R-15)**

**HB 561 – Uses for Grant Funding, Emergency Service Personnel House Floor**

Currently, under State Code, grant funds for emergency medical services are limited to use for the purchase and acquisition of vehicles and equipment. HB 561 would update State Code to make training, licensing, technology upgrades, and other costs not related to salaries eligible.

**Sponsors: Rep. Rubel (D-18), Rep. Gestrin (R-8)**

**HB 562 – Drug Outlet (Pharmacy) Registration Health Floor**

For resident and non-resident pharmacies, this legislation intends to improve the registration process by making it simple and more consistent.

**Sponsors: Rep. Erickson (R-33), Sen. Martin (R-15)**

**HR 006 – State Health Insurance Reserves House Commerce & Human Resources**

By using \$25 million in ARPA funds, HR 006 would rebuild reserves in the State Employee Health Insurance Fund. This is a proposal that was drafted in accordance with the Governor's plan for strategic investments in education.

**Sponsor: Rep. Holtzclaw (R-20)**

**HB 577 – Vaccine Mandates, Legal Remedies for Employees House State Affairs Committee**

Expands on State Code, by incorporating language that would allow for employees to claim religious exemption in the event their employer has vaccine requirements.

**Sponsor: Rep. Young (R-31)**

**HB 578 – Required Immunity Liability Act House Business Committee**

Allows for employees to request an exemption from receiving the vaccine, and the employer still requires the vaccine, then an employee is injured the employer can be held liable for this injury. The employee will have the ability to seek suit against the employer. The businesses that are required to have all employees receive the vaccine per the federal government mandate, this employer will be exempt from this bill.

**Sponsor: Rep. Monks (R-22) and Sen. Den Hartog (R-22)**

**HB 579 – Medical Information, Employers House Business Committee**

Intends to protect employee's medical privacy by stating employees do not have to disclose medical information to an employer. An employer may request a new employee to share relevant medical information that is considered essential function to the job.

**Sponsor: Rep. Monks (R-22)**

**HB 581– Employee Medical Information Protection Act House Floor**

Prevents a business to mandate the COVID-19 vaccine on their employers. The definition of the vaccine would be updated through this bill

**Sponsor: Rep. Shepherd (R-7)**



**HB 590 – Streamlining the Worker’s Compensation Process House Commerce & Human Resources Committee**

HB 590 plans to streamline the worker’s compensation process for the parties involved who wish to settle instead of going to trial. To speed the process up, the bill intends to eliminate the approval needed from the Industrial Commissioners. This does not apply to cases involving a minor or a legally incompetent person. The Industrial Commission will still require submitting information regarding the settlement. This replaced HB 518.

**Sponsor: Rep. Skaug (R-12)**

**HB 592 – Idaho Workforce Housing Fund House Commerce & Human Resources Committee**

Adds to existing law to establish the Idaho Workforce Housing Fund and to establish the Idaho Workforce Housing Advisory Commission. The Commission would consist of 10 members that would be tasked with developing, implementing and maintaining a statewide workforce housing plan. The new Fund would accept dollars allocated by the legislature and distribute them in accordance with the Commission’s Plan.

**Sponsor: Rep. Syme (R-11)**

**HB 593 – Worker’s Compensation, COVID-19 House Commerce & Human Resources Committee**

This proposal would update existing law to include vaccine-related complications as a result of employer vaccine mandates as being a compensable incident.

**Sponsors: Rep. Monks (R-22) and Rep. Skaug (R-12)**

**HB 595 – Performance-based Raises for State Employees House Commerce & Human Resources Committee**

Amends existing law to provide for compensation increases based on performance as well as consideration of certain internal and external factors.

**HB 598 – DNA Testing House Floor**

Amends existing law to provide an exemption regarding DNA analysis for quality control.

**Sponsor: Rep. Cannon (R-31)**

**HB 603 — Hospital Districts House Floor**

Allows district hospitals to have the same privileges as a county hospital for leasing and selling the property to non-profits that qualify with the intent to continue services for the community. The district hospitals will be able to address fiscal challenges they may face in the future with this option.

**Sponsor: Rep. Furniss (R-35)**

**HB 604 – Medical Information, Employers House State Affairs Committee**

Intends to protect employee’s medical privacy by stating employees do not have to disclose medical information to an employer. An employer may request a new employee to share relevant medical information that is considered essential function to the job.

**Sponsor: Rep. Monks (R-22)**

**SB 1280 – Dyslexia Screening Program (33-0-2) Passed Senate – House Education Committee**

This proposal would create a screening program that would assess Idaho students, grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, for dyslexia. Screening would be completed upon a student’s first enrollment in a school district or at a charter school. **Sponsors: Sen. Crabtree (R-7), Sen. Blair (R-6)**





**SB 1283 – Supplemental Medicaid Reimbursement for Ground Emergency Transport Senate Floor**

This proposal states that, currently, medicaid covers only ¼ the true cost of ambulance trips by using Federal funds to supplement the cost of these services, which is intended to help improve ground transport service for Idahoans in rural areas who might avoid ground transport for medical services due to prohibitive costs. This expansion would be made at no cost to the State or local governments.

**Sponsor: Sen. Riggs (R-3)**

**SB 1286 – Psychological “Extenders”, DOPL Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

Clarifies DOPL authority to permit psychological extenders

**SB 1287 – Rural Nursing School Loan Repayment Program Senate Floor**

SB 1287 would establish the “Rural Nursing Loan Repayment Program”. This program, that would be operated by the Department of Health & Welfare, would use ongoing funds, totaling \$250,000 per year in allocations. Qualified applicants that commit to serving the healthcare needs of rural communities in Idaho would be eligible for up to \$25,000 per year, and could receive a total of \$75,000. The fund would allocate loan awards to up to 10 applicants each year.

**Sponsor: Sen. Riggs (R-3)**

**SB 1309 – Fetal Heartbeat Senate Floor**

Adds civil cause of action options for family members to sue the physicians for performing an abortion after six weeks. This can include extended family, such as grandparents. This bill is modeled over the Texas Heartbeat Law but would not include family members being able to sue the mother.

**SB 1305 – Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

Would join a psychology interjurisdictional compact, allowing psychologist to practice temporary face-to-face and telehealth services within other compacted states. The compact allows out of state compact psychologists to practice within Idaho as well to help with currently availability issues.

**SB 1306 – Chiropractic Physicians, Youth Concussion Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

Adds chiropractors to the list of qualified health professionals to diagnose youth patients with a concussion. Chiropractors will also be able to clear previous concussions so the patient may return to the respected sport. The physician will be permitted to diagnose after completing proper education programs required.

**HB 612 – Occupational Licensing Reform Act, Disciplinary Action Expungement House Floor**

Allows for disciplinary actions based on failure to renew on time or failure to complete required continuing education coursework to be expunged from one’s record at the appropriate Board’s discretion at the request of the licensee.

**Sponsor: Rep. DeMordaunt (R-14)**

**SB 1326 – Regulatory Shift, Division of Licensing & Certification Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

This legislation would effectively shift eighteen (18) different types of medical facilities and agency types, as well as the regulatory authority, duties, and staff responsible for licensing and inspection, from the Division of Licensing & Certification to the Division of Occupational & Professional Licenses (DOPL). Included in this transition would be the management of the certification program for certified family homes to DOPL.

**Sponsors: Sen. Riggs (R-3), Rep. Erickson (R-33)**





**SB 1327 – Civil Commitment, Idaho Behavioral Health Council Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

Proposed changes include: Assignment of financial responsibility for pre-commitment holds and post-commitment costs as necessary based on the passage of HB 316 last session; Assignment of responsibilities for organizing designated examinations and transportation; Clarifying definitions of criteria for commitment; Expanding requirements for qualifications of designated examiners. The total, annualized fiscal impact is \$3.89 million as a result of shifting cost responsibility from counties to the State.

**SB 1328 – Idaho Telehealth Access Act Update Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

By amending the Idaho Telehealth Access Act, this legislation would add language that permits the use of asynchronous, “store-and-forward” technology. Changes would also be made to this Section that would permit asynchronous prescribing of legend drugs.

**Sponsor: Sen. Riggs (R-3)**

**SB 1329 – Extended Employment Services Program, DHW Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

This proposed legislation would move the Extended Employment Services Program from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to the Division of Health & Welfare (DHW). Current funding for the program would be shifted from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to DHW, resulting in the transfer of three (3) FTP and \$3.51 million.

**SB 1330 – Naturopathic Doctors Senate Health & Welfare Committee**

This bill would establish a structure for voluntary licensure and regulation of licensed naturopathic doctors. This bill would also create the Idaho Board of Naturopathic Health Care.

**Sponsor: Sen. Anthon (R-27)**

**HB 631 – Prohibit State Government Mask Mandates House State Affairs Committee**

Prevents government entities from mandating face coverings for containing and preventing infectious diseases. This applies to the State of Idaho, a political subdivision, or an officer of the state. Intends to replace HB 514.

**Sponsor: Rep. Hanks (R-35)**

**HB 632 – Human Right’s Protection – Obtaining Medical Services House State Affairs Committee**

Adds new section relating to Human Rights that medical services appropriate cannot be denied to a person’s condition, disease, or injury based on the Covid-19 infection or the status of immunization.

**Sponsor: Rep. Nichols (R-11)**

**HB 644 – Peer Support Specialists, First Responders House Health & Welfare Committee**

HB 644 would amend State Code to prohibit the disclosure of communications made during peer support counseling sessions for first responders and provide exceptions.

**Sponsor: Rep. Syme (R-11)**

**HB 658 – Non-disclosure Protections for Death Penalty House Floor**

Provides legal protection for the disclosure for the entities and people who carry out an execution for the death penalty. Also intends individuals from receiving discipline because of carrying out a death penalty. This bill replaces HB 633.

**Sponsor: Rep. Chaney (R-10)**



### **[SB 1331 – Department of Health & Welfare FY 2022 Appropriations, Division of Medicaid](#)**

This is a FY 2022 supplemental appropriation for the Division of Medicaid. It provides additional funds for contractually required, retrospective settlements, additional funds for held payments, and a rescission due to the impacts of the public health emergency.

**Sponsors: Sen. Cook (R-30), Rep. Nash (D-16)**

### **[SB 1332 – Confidential Relations for Employees, Domestic or Sexual Violence Program](#) Senate Judiciary & Rules Committee**

Conforms the state laws with federal law regarding protecting confidential communications between a client of a non-governmental domestic or sexual violence program and the staff and volunteers.

**Sponsor: Sen. Wintrow (D-19)**

### **[HB 668 – Patient Visitation Rights](#) House Health & Welfare Committee**

Intends to allow in person access to residents in assisted living. The restrictions may only be placed if the same restrictions are placed on the staff to see a resident. An immediate family member may not be denied the right to see a resident based on vaccination status. This replaces HB 601.

**Sponsor: Rep. Young (R-31)**

### **[HB 664 – Speech and Hearing Services](#) House Health & Welfare Committee**

Would join an audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact, allowing audiologist and speech-language pathologist to provide their services of practice and telehealth in any of the other compact states. The practitioner would need to qualify through passing a fingerprint-based background check to practice in other compact states. There are currently 15 compacted states and 10 more potential states currently. Replaces HB 602.

**Sponsor: Rep. Bundy (R-23) and Sen. Riggs (R-3)**

### **[HB 661 – FY22 Supplemental Appropriations, DHW](#)**

This appropriation bill would supplement the divisions of Public Health, Medicaid, Psychiatric Hospitalization, and Independent Councils.

### **[HB 436 – Income Taxes](#) Signed into Law**

### **[HB 443 – Creation of the Public School Health Insurance Fund](#) Signed into Law**

#### **Appropriations and Budgets**

*As appropriations for agencies and projects are considered they will be tracked here.*

#### **Rules**

[HERE](#) is the link for the Index of all Proposed Rules seeking legislative approval. Committees in both the House and Senate are assigned rules to approve. As a reminder, if a rules docket pass either House or the Senate, they are set to go into effect but need to be enacted by legislation or executive order.

#### **Rules Accepted:**

[16-0000-2100](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking, Department of Health and Welfare (with the exception of chapter 16.03.09)



[16-0000-2100F](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule), Department of Health and Welfare  
[15-0100-2100](#) – Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule, Office of the Governor, Idaho Commission on Aging  
[04-0000-2100](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule, Office of The Attorney General, Page 5-91  
[34-0000-2100](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule, Secretary of State, Page 357-376  
[34-0000-2100F](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule, Secretary of State Page 78-111  
[38-0000-2100](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule, ID Dept. of Administration, Page 377-417  
[38-0000-2100F](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule, Id Dept. of Administration, Page 112  
[21-0000-2100F](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Pending Rule – Idaho Division of Veterans Services  
[18-0000-2100F](#) Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Pending Rule – Department of Insurance  
[18-0000-2100](#) Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Pending Rule – Department of Insurance  
[18-0201-2101](#) Insurance Rates and Credit Rating (New Chapter) - Pending Rule  
[18-0305-2101](#) Credit Life and Credit Disability Insurance (New Chapter) -Pending Rule  
[18-0401-2101](#) Health Carrier External Review (New Chapter) - Pending Rule  
[18-0402-2101](#) Complications of Pregnancy, Newborn, and Adopted Children Coverage (New Chapter) - Pending Rule  
[18-0407-2101](#) Restrictions on Discretionary Clauses in Health Insurance Contracts (New Chapter) - Pending Rule  
[18-0410-2101](#) Medicare Supplement Insurance Standards (New Chapter) - Pending Rule  
[18-0604-2101](#) Continuing Education (New Chapter) - Pending Rule  
[09-0000-2100](#) Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Pending Rule – Department of Labor  
[59-0000-2100](#) Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Pending Rule – Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI)  
[16-0000-2100](#) - Omnibus Rulemaking – Proposed Rule – Department of Health and Welfare  
[16-0000-2100](#) - Section 16.03.09.772.01(c) Held in Committee – Department of Health and Welfare  
[16-0000-2100F](#) - Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule – Department of Health and Welfare  
[15-0200-2100](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule – Office of the Governor Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
[18-0000-21000](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Amendment to Temporary Rule, p. 115; 18.01.01 - 18.08.01, pp. 119 - 346 – Department of Insurance  
[18-0604-2101](#)- Continuing Education (New Chapter) - Proposed Rule, p. 400  
[18-0402-2101](#) - Complications of Pregnancy, Newborn, and Adopted Children Coverage (New Chapter) - Proposed Rule, p. 364  
[15-0400-2100](#) – Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking – Pending Rule – Idaho Division of Human Resources  
[15-0100-2100](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule – Idaho Commission of Aging  
[15-0200-2100](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule – Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
[16-0000-2100F](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule – Department of Health and Welfare  
[24-0000-2100](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule – Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses  
[24-0000-2100F](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule – Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses  
[34-0000-2100](#) - Omnibus Rules Review - Office of Secretary of State  
[34-0000-2100F](#) - 2022 Pending Fee Rules - Secretary of State Office  
[38-0000-2100](#) - Proposed Omnibus Rules - Idaho Dept. of Administration  
[38-0000-2100F](#) - Fee Rules review - Idaho Dept. of Administration  
[15-0400-2100](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Pending Rule – Division of Human Resources  
[16-0000-2100](#) - Notice of Omnibus Rulemaking - Proposed Rule – Department of Health & Welfare  
- Exception of 16.03.09.772.01C, 16.03.21.101.04.Q, and 16.03.21.302.01 A-E, and 16.03.21.101.047



### **Appointments**

- **Brett Thomas's appointment to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed on [Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022](#).**
- Margaret Henbest of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board
- Jerry Edgington was re-appointed as a member of the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board
- Janice Fulkerson's re-appointed as a member of the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Kevin Settles' re-appointed as a member of the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Margaret Henbest of Boise, Idaho, was reappointed to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board
- Mike Matthews of Declo, Idaho, was reappointed to the Commission of Pardons and Parole
- Anna Jane Dressen was appointed to the Commission of Pardons and Parole
- Lori Wolff was appointed as the Administrator of the Division of Human Resources
- Karan Tucker's appointment to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Gregory Donaca's appointment to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Hyatt Erstad's appointment for the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Peter Sorenson's appointment for the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed on Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Stephen Weeg's appointment for the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board was confirmed on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022.