



Week One Idaho Legislative Update for January 9 – January 13, 2023

The first week of the Sixty-Seventh Idaho Legislature's First Regular Session was full of training and orientation meetings for new and returning legislators. Legislative Services Office (LSO) and various other agencies started their presentations in committees to brief legislators on the importance of their departments to the committee. The Idaho State Legislature also received its Respectful Workplace and Ethics training this week. The first week is also when the Economic Outlook and Revenue Assessment Committee finishes its final report to the Legislature.

The week began with Governor Little's State of the State Address. The Governor used this opportunity to highlight successes and focus on expanding his Leading Idaho Plan now called "Idaho First". He highlighted his budget recommendations to include investing in public school's teachers and staff, workforce devolvement, behavioral health, more tax relief with an emphasis on property tax relief, transportation, infrastructure, broadband, and backing safe communities.

The speech focused on education over any other subject, hitting home that Governor Little wants this session to be full of historic investments for the next generation. Governor Little stated, "To the people of Idaho, we are listening, and we will continue to deliver. We are not backing down on education – we are doubling down on education. My budget and policy recommendations deliver on the mandate given to us by the people of Idaho." To read more about Governor Little's State of the State Address, click [HERE](#) for the Governor's press release.

Throughout the week, many committees began to meet but most only held their organizational meeting. During these organizational meetings, committee members are briefed on how the committee will operate. This also gave us a great opportunity to learn more about each member as they introduced themselves on record. Many committees were able to start the session off with a cordial meeting where no issues were brought before the committee. In House Revenue and Taxation, Chairman Monks announced that he would not be introducing bills during the first and possibly second week of the legislative session.

The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee (JFAC) began their work early on Tuesday, January 10th, at 8 AM. LSO reviewed the fundamentals of budgets and appropriations with the JFAC members. With eleven (11) new committee members, and with this being one of the most vital committees, the staff is working to set the members up for success in the committee with extensive histories, training, and budget overviews. The Governor's "Idaho First" Plan Budget Recommendations were also reviewed. This has slowed down the traditional process, but we hope to see movement on major supplemental budget items soon.

House State Affairs Committee wasted no time, as committees opened on Tuesday; this committee was the first to introduce bills including an abortion bill and an election issues bill as well as a House Resolution. The elections bill ([HB1](#)) deals with post-election audits being hand counted. The House Resolution is about modifying the House Rules on personal bill limits and removing the ability for these bills to be called up on the House Floor. This privilege has often been weaponized during previous house floor sessions, so this was an early attempt to prevent the process from being further used for political gain and wasting precious time this year.

BB&A is committed to providing you with accurate and up-to-date information in a timely manner throughout the session. We have dedicated ourselves to providing weekly reports that will contain your top priority policies throughout the 2023 Idaho Legislative Session. If we are missing or adding bills that are/are not of interest to you, please do not hesitate to let us know. This will ensure we are accurately catering to your interests and allocating resources appropriately.

All bills from the 2023 Idaho Legislative Session are on the [Idaho State Legislative Website](#). The Governor's Budget Recommendation Highlights can be found [HERE](#). The Governor's full State of the State speech can be found [HERE](#).



As bills that are of interest to you start arising, they will appear under this section.

Appropriations and Budgets

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Rules

[HERE](#) is the link for the Index of all Pending Rules seeking legislative approval. Committees in both the House and Senate are assigned rules to approve. As a reminder, if a rules docket passes either House or the Senate, they are set to go into effect but need to be enacted by legislation or executive order. Once a pending rule is approved, a (+) symbol will appear in front of the docket number. If a pending rule is not approved by the Legislature a (-) will appear in front of the docket number.

IDAPA 18 – DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

- [18-0701-2201](#) - Acquiring Control, Insurance Holding Company Systems and Mutual Insurance Holding Companies (ZBR)
- [18-0702-2201](#) - Reserve Liabilities and Minimum Valuations for Annuities and Pure Endowment Contracts – (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)
- [18-0703-2201](#) - Valuation of Life Insurance Policies Including the Use of Select Mortality Factors (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)
- [18-0708-2201](#) - Property and Casualty Actuarial Opinion Rule – (ZBR Chapter Rewrite)

IDAPA 16 – DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

- [16-0309-2201](#) - Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits – (Pending Rule)
- [16-0317-2201](#) - Medicare/Medicaid Coordinated Plan Benefits - (ZBR)

IDAPA 59 – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO (PERSI)

- [59-0101-2201](#) - Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI) – (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking)

Appointments

Appointments approved by Senate Committees, are confirmed by the full Senate.
As appointments are confirmed, they will appear below.