



April 2023 Monthly Report

With the 2023 First Regular Idaho Legislative Session now behind us, the BB&A team has switched into follow-up mode with agencies and begun working to ensure the work we did during session can be quickly and properly implemented by the state. As with previous years, we are now moving into a monthly report to keep you updated on big-ticket items, what we are hearing, and general updates throughout the month as we restart the strategy and build a path to success next year. The monthly reports will be sent at the beginning of each month to give you a recap of the concluding month and help you have a plan for the upcoming month.

On April 6, 2023, just after noon, the Idaho Legislature adjourned Sine Die for the year marking the end of a tumultuous and challenging 13-week legislative session. Yet, success was achieved in advancing the expansion of the Idaho Launch Program, property tax relief, major advancements in funding for transportation, broadband, recreation, wildfire, law enforcement, education, nursing, housing protections, and so much more. Many contentious bills and social issues dominated the process and even affected budgets this year. By April, most legislators were ready to go home. With a 50% new Legislature, BB&A did a tremendous amount of groundwork to ensure both freshman and returning legislators were educated on your issues and with you to achieve your priorities. While this process is never perfect, we believe this year was a great success and as much of the drama and pandering from the session fades, the positive outcomes will live on. But as always there is more to do and some items will need to be fixed, adjusted, or reconsidered next year.

Supplementals are now being rolled out to the departments and some policies from the session are now in full force and effect. The remaining policies and all state agencies' budgets for FY24 will go into effect on July 1, 2023, as the new fiscal year begins, aside from a few bills that will take effect in January 2024. BB&A is tracking the progress of funds and bills to ensure our work throughout the session is followed through efficiently.

Many agencies jumped straight into the negotiated rulemaking process. The Zero-Based Regulation (ZBR) process was created by Governor Little's Executive Order 2020-01 to have agencies comb through their administrative rules. The goal of the process is to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden, word count, and eliminate conflicts between rules and code. The schedule of rulemakings by year can be found [HERE](#).

We have been monitoring the monthly bulletins, [Idaho Townhall](#), and agency websites to ensure we are an active stakeholder when needed and can always keep you up to date on rule changes. More rulemakings, agency meetings, and other groups will continue to meet throughout the summer. BB&A strives to be kept up to date on all rules, budgets, policies, and other movements that may impact your interests.

We are taking this time to start up our meetings and conversations with you again to celebrate a successful session, as well as refocus and plan for the future. We are also meeting with legislators, agency heads, the Governor's staff, and more key partners to maintain our strong relationships and bolster new and existing relationships.

If there is anything we can do for you in the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out. As you are reading through additional reports and updates, we send out, we encourage you to ask questions and be involved. We also encourage you to foster your own relationships with legislators, agency folks, and more as you see fit. We are happy to facilitate these conversations.

All bills from the 2023 Idaho Legislative Session are on the [Idaho State Legislative Website](#). The Governor's Bill Action for the 2023 Legislative Session can be found [HERE](#). For a full list of bills and when they were treated by Governor Little click [HERE](#).



IAHU April 2023 Highlights

BB&A provided a recommendation provided by IAHU to the Medicaid Task Force to the sponsor of the Legislation. Rep. Jordan Redman has now requested a meeting with our candidate, which is hopeful. We are waiting to hear from Stephanie to set up a time to keep the momentum.

BB&A also provided a brief overview of the 2023 Idaho Legislative session to give members an idea of where insurance-related policy is for the state of Idaho. This was a great opportunity to interact with members after and answer questions about Medicaid, the Task Force, Public School Insurance, and more.