



Week Fourteen Idaho Legislative Update for April 8 – April 12, 2024

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In the Fourteenth week of the Sixty-Seventh Idaho Legislature's Second Regular Session, the Legislature adjourned Sine Die just before 3:00 PM on Wednesday. With the Senate finishing at 2:42 PM and the House following quickly behind at 2:49 PM. Thus, ending one of the most dynamic and politically hostile legislative sessions in recent history. Prior to adjournment, the Senate spent most of their last legislative day in caucus, followed by a heartfelt goodbye to retiring Senator Abby Lee. The Senate finished the last few procedural items and left some bills on the calendar in a familiar tradition. The House moved swiftly through goodbyes with several members retiring after this year, but there was little fanfare or pleasantries prior to them adjourning.

Among the celebrations and sighs of relief that come with the end of a session, there was also a cloud of doubt as the Governor let [HB 770](#) the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) budget and [HB 726](#) the Department of Administration budget go into law without signature. The decision to let them go into law without his approval was a masterful political tactic but may not save the state from a costly lawsuit. Regardless of the outcome of the ITD State Street property, the budget enhancement bill fully funded employees and transportation projects that were approved as major policy wins for Idaho.

Governor Little also signed [HB 398aaS](#). A strongly worded letter accompanied it, something he's now accustomed to doing regularly, noting the Legislature needed to take immediate action to fix the issue created by the passage of HB 398. A copy of the letter can be found [HERE](#). These issues are now setting the table for an extraordinary or "special" session that could happen as early as this month, further clouding the end of session.

The Governor vetoed two bills during the mandatory 5-day recess. [S 1314aaS](#) – gold and silver, which the Senate didn't take up an override on, and [S 1323](#) which the Senate failed to override on a 17-17-1 vote. Both these bills were contentious and came up quick in the later part of the session. We expect to see the policy conversations around these bills continue into next session.

Other major successes this year included full program funding for [Launch](#), Fentanyl mandatory minimums, Facilities funding for public schools, an overhaul of the public charter school's system, additional regulatory changes and updates, record investments in infrastructure for education, broadband, transportation, water, mental health, an overhaul on regulating and reigning in PBMs, and more. Some funding and programs, while reduced this year, also became more transparent and will now last longer and do more for Idaho. While not everything we wanted to move forward made it all the way through the process, it did help us move our policy goals forward and begin hard conversations that will lead to positive outcomes in the future.

This year's successes can also be found in what didn't pass. With another record year for the number of bills introduced from freshman to seasoned Chairmen, there were many policy fights in the Capitol this year, right down to the last minutes of session, and often the most difficult and contentious issues are those that would harm you or your interests. Defense is an important part of what we do. Protecting you along with the state and its interests is always paramount.

Each session is unique and there is always more work to do. Legislators have now headed home to campaign for re-election, with fundraisers now packing the calendar each day. Agencies have already started into rules and planning for budget and policy implementations from this session. It's also the start of conference season as the work for next year begins now. Thank you for your trust and patience with us, and we are proud of our work for you. As we close this session and begin today preparing for the next one, again thank you and onward!

All bills from the 2024 Idaho Legislative Session are on the [Idaho State Legislative Website](#). To find your legislators, click [HERE](#). [HERE](#) is a list of Governor Little's daily tracking sheet.



[HB 521](#) – School Facilities Funding – Passed the House (61-6-3) – Passed the Senate (23-11-1) – Signed Into Law

[HB 398aaS](#) – Medicaid State Plan and Waivers – Passed the House (58-10-2) – Passed the Senate (27-6-2) – House Concurred (46-23-1) – Signed Into Law

[HB 596aaS](#) – Pharmacy Benefit Managers – Passed the House (41-29) – Passed the Senate Floor (27-8) – Concurred in the House (53-15-2) – Signed Into Law

[HB 577](#) – Medicaid, Direct Payment – Passed the House (43-23-4) – Passed the Senate (21-13-1) – Signed Into Law

[HB 685](#) – Medicaid Stabilization Budget Fund – Passed the House (47-22-1) – Passed the Senate (17-16-1) – Signed Into Law

[HB 501aaH](#) – Medical Liens – Passed the House (67-0-3) – Passed the Senate (34-0-1) – Signed Into Law

[HB 633](#) – Postpartum Medicaid Assistance – Passed the House (42-26-2) – Passed the Senate (24-10-1) – Signed Into Law

[SB 1355](#) – Medicaid Legislative Review Panel – Passed the Senate (27-8) – Passed the House (58-9-3) – Signed Into Law

[SB 1234](#) – Six-Month Contraceptive – Passed the Senate (19-16) – Passed the House (35-34-1) – Signed Into Law

[HB 439](#) – Immunization Assessment Board – Passed the House (44-26) – Passed the Senate (23-12) – Signed Into Law

[HB 527](#) – Pharmacy Practice – Passed the House (70-0) – Passed the Senate (34-1) – Signed Into Law

[HCR 30](#) – Medicaid Waivers – Passed the House (56-9-5) – Passed the Senate (19-15-1) – Filed in the Office of Secretary of State

[HCR 39](#) – Rule approval, Department of Health and Welfare – Passed the House (65-0-5) – Passed the Senate (Voice Vote) – Secretary of State

Appropriations and Budgets

[HB 750](#) – Division of Medicaid Trailer Appropriation – Passed the House (45-25) – Passed the Senate (23-11-1) – Signed into Law

[HB 715](#) – Joint Legislative Millennium Committee Appropriation Recommendations – Passed the House (45-20-5) – Passed the Senate (24-10-1) – Signed Into Law

[HB 460](#) – Public School Support Program Maintenance Appropriation – Passed the House (53-14-3) – Passed the Senate (34-0-1) – Signed Into Law

[SB 1397](#) – Department of Insurance Trailer Appropriation – Passed the Senate (33-1-1) – Passed the House (65-3-2) – Signed Into Law



[SB 1268](#) – Health and Human Services Maintenance Appropriation – Passed the Senate (27-7-1) – Passed the House (58-11-1) – Signed Into Law

[HB 459](#) – General Government Maintenance Appropriation – Passed the House (55-11-4) – Passed the Senate (28-7) – Signed Into Law

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, the rules docket needs to pass both the House and 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 16 – Department of Health and Welfare](#)

- (+) (+) [16-0305-2301](#) – Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ZBR)
- (+) (+) [16-0306-2301](#) – Refugee Medical Assistance
- (+) (+) [16-0309-2301](#) – Medicaid Basic Plan Benefits
- (+) (+) [16-0310-2101](#) – Medicaid Enhanced Plan Benefits
- (+) (+) [16-0313-2101](#) – Consumer Directed Services
- (+) (+) [16-0318-2301](#) – Medicaid Cost-Sharing (ZBR, Fee Rule)

[IDAPA 18 – Department of Insurance](#)

- (+) (+) [18-0404-2301](#) – The Managed Care Reform Act Rule (ZBR)
*Senate Commerce rejected subsection 011.03
- (+) (+) [18-0602-2301](#) – Producers Handling Fiduciary Funds (ZBR)
- (+) (+) [18-0603-2301](#) – Rules Governing Disclosure Requirements for Insurance Providers When Charging Fees (ZBR Chapter Repeal)
- (+) (+) [18-0706-2301](#) – Rules Governing Life and Health Reinsurance Agreements (ZBR)
- (+) (+) [18-0710-2301](#) – Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure (ZBR)

Appointments

Appointments approved by Senate Committees, are confirmed by the full Senate.

- Chad Henggeler was confirmed by the Senate to the State Board of Health and Welfare on January 19, 2024.
- Robert Cuoio was confirmed by the Senate to the State Board of Health and Welfare on February 1, 2024.
- Carolyn Lodge was confirmed by the Senate to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board on January 31, 2024.
- Julie Ann Triepke was confirmed by the Senate to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board on February 2, 2024.
- Heidi Hart was confirmed by the Senate to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board on February 8, 2024.
- McKenzie Kraemer was confirmed by the Senate to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board on March 6, 2024.
- Lisa Odom was confirmed by the Senate to the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board on March 6, 2024.