



3rd Legislative Update

February 1, 2008

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Big Victory for IVC Initiative!

The [Legislative Health Care Task Force](#) met Tuesday, January 29th to review proposed legislation for the current session, including IVC's draft of a concurrent resolution on children's health - identified with its routing service (RS) number, **RS17615**, and title, **"Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the Importance of Children's Health"**. The proposal was introduced by Sen. John McGee (Dist. 10-Caldwell) and Rep. Carlos Bilbao (Dist. 11 - Emmett), and was received warmly by other Task Force members. In fact, on a motion by Rep. Sharon Block (Dist. 24-Twin Falls), the RS was endorsed unanimously by the Task Force.

Special thanks to Sen. McGee, Rep. Bilbao, and Rep. Block as well as those who attended the Health Care Task Force meeting and the many individuals and organizations who have helped move this proposal forward.

Next steps: A print hearing will be scheduled sometime next week; that date has not yet been set. We will let you know as soon as it's been introduced and assigned a number, and we will continue to track this and other legislation, keeping you informed of proposals that may affect Idaho's children.

Our efforts for the 2008 legislative session:

Child Health

- ◊ IVC will work towards the introduction of a Concurrent Resolution stating that every child in Idaho should have access to primary and preventive health care. [DRAFT LEGISLATION](#)

Early Care and Education

- ◊ IVC will work towards establishment of an early childhood commission to provide a means of bringing together representatives of those concerned about the education of pre-kindergarten children in Idaho and helping to develop programs that will meet the needs of Idaho's children. [STATEMENT REGARDING 2008 LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL](#)
- ◊ IVC will support the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP) rule changes proposed by the Department of Health & Welfare (DHW) [RULES CHANGES](#)
- ◊ IVC supports the ongoing efforts to strengthen statewide child care licensing. [DRAFT LEGISLATION, Q & A LIST](#)

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H0396	Schools, children, vision screening - The legislation will provide for vision screening for all students grade 1, 2, 4, 6, 8. Vision screening is not consistent in all school districts across the state of Idaho. Not all children are screened and not all children are screened by qualified screeners. The legislation will implement a structure to offer training to the screeners, screen children at consistent intervals, and screen children across the state of Idaho.	House Education Committee
Safety		
S1361	Speed limit, school zones - Adds to existing law relating to rules of the road to provide for reduced speed limits in school zones; to require certain information on a school zone sign; and to specify a fixed penalty for exceeding the posted speed limit in a school zone.	Senate Transportation Committee
Education		
H0426	Idaho Ag in the Classroom - Amends existing law to provide for Idaho ag in the classroom; and to provide for the Idaho ag in the classroom fund.	House Agricultural Affairs Committee
SCR122	School funding formula, study - Stating findings of the Legislature and authorizing the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee to direct the Office of Performance Evaluations to conduct a study of Idaho's kindergarten through grade 12 public education funding formula in order to identify & evaluate issues relating to the adequacy of K-12 public education funding.	Senate State Affairs Committee
SCR123	International education, supported - Stating legislative findings and supporting specified international education.	Senate Education Committee
Child Welfare		
H0382	Sex offender, no access/school child - Amends existing law relating to adult criminal sex offenders and access to children in schools to clarify restrictions on adult criminal sex offenders' access to children in school buildings, on school grounds and properties used by a school.	House Judiciary, Rules, & Administration Committee
H0444	School district contractor/criminal history - will amend the existing statute Idaho Code Section 33-130 to clarify the requirements of school contractors to have background checks for employees in direct contact with school children.	House printing
S1263	Uniform Child Abduction Prevention Act - purpose is to provide courts with guidelines to follow during custody disputes and divorce proceedings, to help courts identify families at risk for abduction, and to provide methods to prevent the abduction of children.	Senate PASSED House 1st Reading



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