



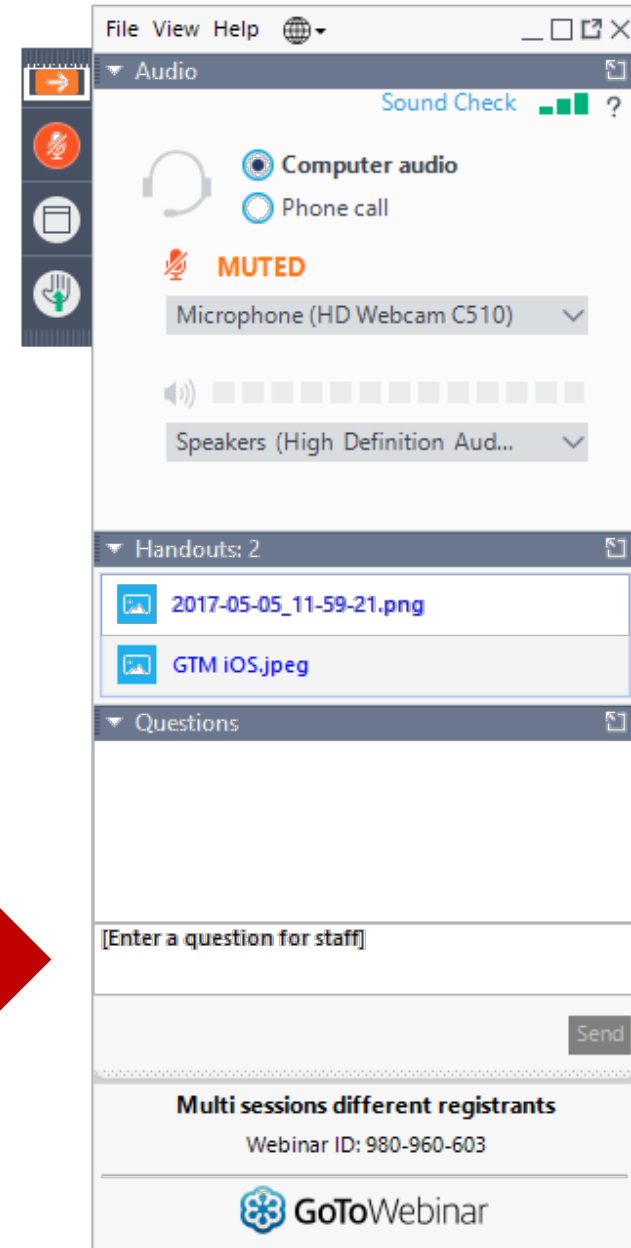
Idaho Legislature 101



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Presentation Outline

1. Introduction: Idaho Voices for Children
2. Idaho Legislature: Understanding the Territory
3. How a Bill Becomes a Law
4. Engaging with Elected Officials
5. Next Steps: Taking Action



IDAHO VOICES FOR CHILDREN



- We champion policies that help kids and families thrive in the areas of:
 - Health and access to care
 - Child safety and well-being
 - Education
 - Family economic security

Improving the Health & Well-Being of Kids



Policy Advocacy Definitions

Public
Policy

Advocacy

Lobbying

Grassroots
Organizing

Collective
Impact

Social
Change

Why Policy Advocacy is Important

- Improve laws, policies, structures and beliefs
- Remove systemic barriers
- Ensure our priorities are heard
- Engage communities and lift up individual voices



**Advocacy
Works!**

Advocacy Goal: Remove Systemic Barriers



- They are being treated equally



- They are being treated equitably



- The systemic barrier was removed

IDAHO LEGISLATURE: Understanding The Territory



Understanding the Territory

- Governor
 - Serves 4 year terms
 - No term limits
- Lieutenant Governor
 - Serves 4 year terms
 - Presides over the Senate
- Idaho Legislature
 - 105 Members from 35 Districts
 - 35 Senators
 - 70 Representatives
 - All serve 2 years terms
 - No term limits
 - Legislature meets annually from January until about mid-March



- Congress
 - 535 Members
 - Senators serve 6 year terms (2 per state)
 - Representatives serve 2 year terms (1 per district apportioned by population)

Understanding the Territory



- Idaho's Citizen Legislature
 - 105 Members
 - Part-Time
 - Two Chambers: Senate and House
- Each Legislative District Has:
 - 1 State Senator
 - 2 State Representatives
- Annual Sessions
 - Convenes Each January
 - Adjourns once budget set & business complete (typically about 3 months)

Understanding the Territory

Interesting Facts About the Idaho Legislature:

- ❖ The Lieutenant Governor presides over the Senate and the Speaker of the House presides over the House of Representatives
- ❖ Currently there are 14 standing House committees and 10 standing Senate committees
- ❖ All committee meetings are open to the public
- ❖ Tax bills must start in the House
- ❖ Idaho is one of 16 states that has a “citizen legislature:” part-time, low salaries, few staff, and lawmakers have other jobs
- ❖ In 1890, legislators were paid \$5/day; now they are paid \$17,358/year plus a per diem for living expenses
- ❖ In 2018, the Legislature passed 359 new laws (out of 561 bills)
- ❖ The longest session lasted 118 days in 2009; 2018’s lasted 80 days
- ❖ The Legislature is constitutionally required to pass a balanced budget

Understanding the Territory

- The policy process varies for different legislative bodies
 - Idaho's legislative process is traditionally slow
 - Campaigns can take 3-5 years before gaining traction
 - Idaho Legislators have limited staff assistance

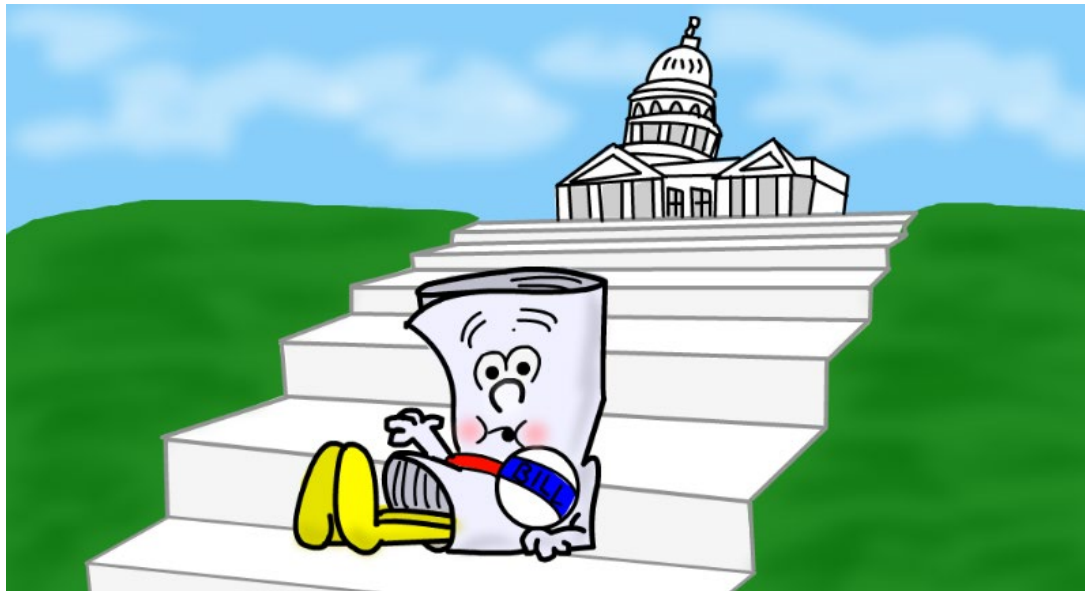


- Know when your voice will be heard
 - Public Hearings on the issue
 - Lobbying individual legislators
 - Rallies and town hall meetings

“Social advance depends as much upon the process through which it is secured as upon the result itself.”

- Jane Adams

IDAHO LEGISLATURE: How A Bill Becomes A Law



Introduction

Sponsor Drafts 'Routing Slip'

Committee Prints RS

House Referral to Committee

House 1st Reading

House Committee Hearing

Public Testimony
Accepted

Committee Vote

House Vote

House 2nd & 3rd Reading

House Floor Vote

Idaho Legislature: How a Bill Becomes a Law

Senate Referral to Committee

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Governor

Option to Sign, Not Sign,
or Veto

House & Senate Can
Override Veto

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Tracking the Legislative Process

<http://legislature.idaho.gov/>

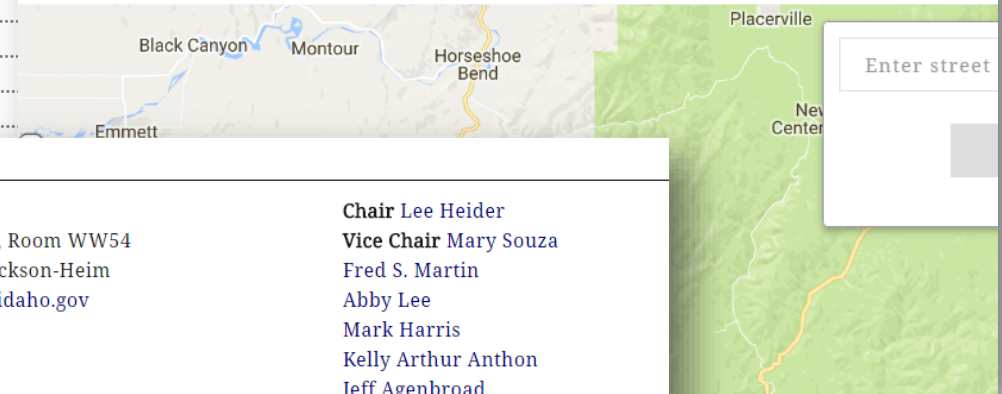
HOUSE BILLS

- H0001 Admin procedure, rule review
- H0002 Pharmacists, reciprocal licensing
- H0003 Pharma/tuberculin protein products
- H0004 Pharmacists, tobacco cessation prod
- H0005 Controlled substances, opioids
- H0006 Controlled substances
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- H0010 Chiropractic practice/licensur revd
- H0011 Optometrists, license provs revised
- H0012a Elections, registered elector
- H0013 Elected officials, party change
- H0014 Liquor by drink, license actual use
- H0015 Urban renewal, stat ref correction
- H0016 Approp, pest deficiency transfer
- H0017 Military div, contracting authority
- H0018 Military, nat guard/recruit/retentn
- H0019 Armory, definition revised
- H0020 Vehicles, plug-in hybrid, fees revd

Legislative Services Office

Who's My Legislator?

700 W. Jefferson, 83420), and click Find. You may also click on the map to determine who the State Representative is for your district. Click on the link for official legislative district information.



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BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEGISLATORS



Contacting Your Elected Officials

- **Request a meeting**
 - Meetings can be in person or over the phone
 - For committee chairs, contact their secretaries
- **Visit their office at the Capitol**
 - Ask the front desk and/or security for assistance
- **Send an email**
- **Give them a call**
- **Find on social media**
- *Don't be afraid to introduce yourself if you meet in the hall or in the community!*

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Defense

Contacting Your Elected Officials



We Can Help!

Tips for Talking with Elected Officials

1. YOU can make a difference and be an agent of change
2. Elected officials want to hear from you
3. There are a variety of opportunities to communicate with your officials



4. “What” you want to communicate is as important as “how” you communicate
5. Establish short-term and long-term goals

Tips for Talking with Elected Officials

6. You are unlikely to agree on every issue
7. You aren't expected to know everything
8. Always say "thank you"
9. If you visited in person, don't forget to send a follow-up note
10. **Become as involved and informed as possible!**



The Power of Relationship Building

- **We are in this work for the long haul!**

- It is best to do a “get acquainted” meeting with the elected official prior to having an “ask”
- Set the stage for a relationship by inviting the official to your site to get to know you

- Remember that each encounter with an elected official is part of an ongoing conversation



ADVOCATES IN ACTION: NEXT STEPS

