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Lobbyist's name and permanent business address Stephen H. Ahrens Idaho Assn. of Commerce & Industry PO Box 389 Boise ID 83701	Date prepared 1/31/05	Period covered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> year ending (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) 12 31 04
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Category of Expenditure Reimbursed Personal Living and Travel Expenses Pertaining to Lobbying Activity Do Not Have to be Reported	* Total Amount for All Employers	Proportionate amounts contributed by each employer (Identify employers, under Item 3, at bottom of page.)			
		Employer No. 1	Employer No. 2	Employer No. 3	Employer No. 4
Entertainment	\$ 1,250.08	\$ 1,250.08	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Food and Refreshment	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Living Accommodations	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Advertising	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Telephone	180.00	180.00	_____	_____	_____
Other Expenses or Services	330.00	330.00	_____	_____	_____
Total	\$ 1,760.08	\$ 1,760.08	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*When the number of employers you are reporting for requires multiple L-2 forms to be filed a total amount for all employers should be entered on Page 1.

Item 2	Date	Place	Amount	Names of Legislators & Public Officials in Group
	6/20/04	Annual Conference, Sun Valley Please see attached list	2,790.40	See attached

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<p align="center">INSTRUCTIONS</p> <p>Who should file this form: Any lobbyist registered under Section 67-6617 Idaho Code.</p> <p>Filing deadline: Annual report is due on January 31st.</p> <p>TO BE FILED WITH: Ben Ysursa Secretary of State PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0080 Phone: (208) 334-2852 Fax: (208) 334-2282</p>	Item 3	Employer(s) Name(s) and Address(es)
	No.1	Idaho Assn. of Commerce & Industry PO Box 389 Boise, ID 83701
	No.2	
	No.3	
	No.4	

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Item 4	Expenditures made by the lobbyist or by the lobbyist's employer in the nature of contributions of money or other tangible or intangible personal property to any Legislator, or for or on behalf of any legislator.		
	Date	Amount	Name of Legislator Receiving or Benefited

Item 5	Subject matter of proposed legislation, the number of the Senate or House Bill, Resolution or other legislative activity in which the Lobbyist was supporting or opposing.		
	Subject Code (from table)	Bill, Resolution or Other Legislative Ident. Number	Appropriation Bill Number and Section Number
	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30		

LEGISLATIVE SUBJECT IDENTIFICATION			
Code	Subject	Code	Subject
01	Agriculture, horticulture, farming, and livestock	17	Health service, medicine, drugs and controlled substances, health insurance, hospitals
02	Amusements, games, athletics and sports	18	Higher education
03	Banking, finance, credit and investments	19	Housing, construction, codes
04	Children, minors, youth, senior citizens	20	Insurance (excluding health insurance)
05	Church and religion	21	Labor, salaries and wages, collective bargaining
06	Consumer affairs	22	Law enforcement, courts, judges, crimes, prisons
07	Ecology, environment, pollution, conservation, zoning, land and water use	23	License, permits
08	Education	24	Liquor
09	Elections, campaigns, voting, political parties	25	Manufacturing, distribution and services
10	Equal rights, civil rights, minority affairs	26	Natural resources, forest and forest products, fisheries, mining and mining products
11	Government, financing, taxation, revenue, budget, appropriations, bids, fees, funds	27	Public lands, parks, recreation
12	Government, county	28	Social insurance, unemployment insurance, public assistance, workmen's compensation
13	Government, federal	29	Transportation, highways, streets and roads
14	Government, municipal	30	Utilities, communications, televisions, radio, newspaper, power, CATV, gas
15	Government, special districts	31	Other (please specify) _____
16	Government, state		

Stephen H. Ahrens 1-31-05
 Lobbyist signature Date

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 Employer No. 2 signature Date

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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above is a true, complete and correct statement in accordance with Section 67-6624 Idaho Code.

Legislators attending IACI's Annual Conference, June, 2004

Rep. Maxine Bell	171.61
Rep. Max Black	358.10
Rep. Sharon Block	171.61
Sen. Denton Darrington	171.61
Rep. Lee Gagner	358.10
Rep. Wendy Jaquet	171.61
Sen. Brad Little	171.61
Sen. Patti Anne Lodge	171.61
Rep. Janice McGeachin	171.61
Rep. Janet Miller	171.61
Rep. Pete Nielsen	171.61
Rep. Ann Rydalch	171.61
Rep. Leon Smith	358.10



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BILLS TO FOLLOW

57th Idaho Legislature, Second Session
April 5, 2004

(IACI Position: + Support, - Oppose, M= Monitoring, N=neutral)

Shaded Area=Change from Last Week

Bold=Final Action on Bill

Bill and Description	House	Senate	Final
H476 (By Reps. Robison & Cuddy) Restores the 1995 property tax law to its original form. Property taxes that school districts are no longer permitted to collect under the 1995 law would be replaced by the state, costing the general fund \$1.6 million.	Revenue & Taxation	—	—
H501 (By Rep. Deal) Establishes that individuals serving as members or officers of governing boards of governmental units, boards and agencies or of governmental corporations shall not be personally liable in their private capacity for, or on account of, any act performed or contract entered into in an official capacity.	Returned to State Affairs	—	—
H502 (By Qwest) Changes regulation of land-line telephone companies.	Passed 36-34	Passed 18-17; Held for Reconsideration on 18-17 vote; Failed 17-18	—
H517 (By Rep. Deal) Requires collection of valid signatures equal to at least 6% of the registered voters in 20 Idaho legislative districts in order to qualify an initiative for the ballot.	Withdrawn by Sponsors	—	—
H533 (By Department of Administration) Extends sunset clause on I.C. §72-334 (which requires provision of materials to Industrial Special Indemnity Fund before filing a complaint) to June 30, 2008.	Passed 68-0	Passed 34-0	LAW
H536 (By Gov. Kempthorne) Remove 2005 sunset provision on 5% tax credit for research and development investment, and the 3% tax credit for investment in broadband equipment.	Passed 65-0	Passed 34-0	LAW
H543 (By Rep. Langhorst) Clarifies definition of transactions qualifying for an exemption from last year's one-cent sales tax increase; costs general fund about \$1.2 million.	Passed 64-4	Failed 14-15	—
H544a (By Sen. Pearce & Reps. Denney and Edmunson) Requires the Director of DEQ to appoint watershed advisory groups (WAGs). The purpose of these groups is to work with DEQ on development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs). An affirmative vote of at least 50% of the members of the WAG is required before a TMDL can be submitted for approval.	Passed 55-8	Passed 25-5	V E T O E D
H545 (By Rep. Langford & Sen. Ingram) Allows a worker or his/her heirs to recover damages from an employer who, due to gross negligence, has caused the death or injury of said worker. Legislation further provides that said employer shall reimburse the Industrial Special Indemnity Account as provided in Section 72-223, Idaho Code.	Held in Commerce & Human Resources	—	—

H599 (-)	(By Rep. Ken Roberts) PROPERTY TAX ON RURAL HOMESITE DEVELOPMENT: Provides that agricultural land platted for residential development shall be taxed at the agricultural use rate until the lots are sold.	Revenue & Taxation	—	—
H607 (+)	(By Gov. Kempthorne) This bill merges the Department of Commerce and the Department of Labor into a single department that will be named the "Idaho Department of Commerce and Labor." The intent is to more effectively promote economic and community development and a stable, well-trained workforce. Additionally, the merger is intended to strengthen support for Idaho businesses and communities, to enhance the Department's ability to create higher-wage jobs with benefits, and to increase tourism and international trade opportunities.	Passed 62-5	Passed 32-1	LAW
H611 (+)	(By Rep. Dick Harwood and US Ecology Idaho) Revises fees for hazardous waste disposal.	Passed 63-2	Passed 35-0	LAW
H613 (-)	(By Bob Corbell) Create Idaho Aquaculture Commission to promote aquaculture industry; represent producers, processors, and related industries; and seek USDA research funds and grants. Commission shall function in same manner as other state agricultural commissions.	Held in Agricultural Affairs	—	—
H617 (-)	(By Rep. Sali) Adds a new section to Chapter 43, Title 39 to afford people a legal right to receive copies of their health records	Health and Welfare	—	—
H619 (+)	(By Rep. Deal) Removes sunset provision and amends language regarding the retention of index rate bands as they relate to the rating system for health insurance plans.	Passed 66-0	Passed 33-0	LAW
H640 (-)	(By Rep. Sali and Rep. Harwood) Requires qualified, unbiased providers to perform independent medical examinations.	Held in Committee	—	—
H647 (+)	(By Rep. Deal) REPLACES H501 Provides immunity for actions performed or contracts entered into in an official capacity by elected or appointed officials, officers of governing boards of commissions authorized by state law, and for persons acting on behalf of the governmental entity in an official capacity	Passed 60-6	State Affairs	—
H650 (-)	(By Idaho Association of Counties) Requires mandatory disclosure of real estate sales prices for all real estate transactions; amends Idaho public records law to exempt disclosure except to licensed appraisers, real estate brokers, State Tax Commission, and persons with 5% ownership interest in the property.	Withdrawn by Sponsor	—	—
H651a (+)	(By Gov. Kempthorne) A new-jobs credit of \$1,000 will be available to a business for creation of a new job paying at least \$12.50 an hour, accompanied by coverage under an accident or health plan; does not change the \$500 new-jobs tax credit for natural resource-based businesses; estimated to have about \$300,000 impact on general fund.	Passed 61-3	Passed 31-0	LAW
H657 (-)	(By Jim Jones) Amends Patient Freedom of Information Act to include licensed professional nurses (LPNs) in the category of providers that are required to furnish certain job-related information to professional licensing boards. Such information would include criminal convictions, disciplinary action, malpractice information. Reporting requirements would be expanded for all providers to include instances where providers who are authorized to handle controlled substances have been disciplined or convicted for abuse of such substances. Imposes additional reporting requirements on employers of such providers.	Held in Health & Welfare	—	—
H663 (+)	(By Rep. Cuddy) Clarifies process of collection and distribution of taxes on forest lands. Under the bare land and yield basis, the property owner pays tax only on the land – until the timber on the land is harvested, or at the end of a 10-year period. However, if during that period, the property title is transferred.	Passed 65-0	Passed 26-0	LAW

H690 (-)	(By David Kerrick) Establishes graduated rates for hotel-motel taxes depending on distance from auditorium/convention center (5% maximum tax at facilities located within a half-mile of the convention center; 4% maximum at facilities within 1 ½ mile radius; 3% maximum at facilities within a 3-mile radius; and 2% maximum at facilities beyond a 3-mile radius).	Revenue & Taxation	—	—
H708 (-)	(By Rep. Henbest) Mandates insurance coverage for obesity counseling.	Ways & Means	—	—
H710 (+)	(By Rep. Black) Covers reimbursement for emergency services by non-contracting health care providers: Would require that if a health care provider or other health care professional who does not contract with a health insurance carrier renders emergency or post-stabilization service to a patient in a hospital that contracts with that health insurance carrier, the health care provider or other health care professional shall collect from the health insurance carrier only the amount paid to contracted providers for the same services, and from the patient, any applicable coinsurance, co-pay or deductible or any charges for non-covered services.	Held in Business	—	—
H716 (-)	(By Rep. McKague) Exempts an additional \$150,000 of market value on residences for home-owners at least 70 years old.	Held in Revenue & Taxation	—	—
H720 (+)	(By State Tax Commission) Conforms the Idaho income tax to changes made to the Internal Revenue Code after Jan. 1, 2003, including the federal "Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Act of 2003" (JGTRA). However, no Idaho deduction will be allowed relating to the increased (from 30% to 50%) special allowance for first year "bonus depreciation" permitted by subsection (k) of section 168 of the IRC.	Passed 67-2	Passed 23-11	LAW
H724 (+)	(By Reps. Deal and Collins, Sen. Stegner) Simplifies the method used to compute payment of premium taxes by insurance carriers doing business in Idaho; modifies the present structure by adjusting the premium tax, over a six-year time frame, to a single premium tax rate of 1.5%, intended to make Idaho more competitive in efforts to attract insurance carriers to locate in Idaho as their "home" or "domiciliary" state; also will eliminate legal and financial exposure to the State created by the dual rate system.	Passed 63-4	Passed 32-1	LAW
H754a (+)	(By Reps. Roberts, McGeachin, Moyle, & Bayer) General Fund expenditures for any fiscal year shall be limited to a base of the FY05 appropriation plus annual adjustments for population growth and inflation; creates a "taxpayers reserve fund" and provides for refunds to taxpayers from this fund.	Failed 30-37	—	—
H759 (+)	(By Mike Brassey) REPLACED BY H832 Provides for creation of Public Improvement Districts upon filing of a petition by 100% of landowners in the proposed district; would allow building new public infrastructure improvements to serve new growth and development and provide for paying those costs; outlines formation and operation of the Public Improvement Districts.	Held at Sponsor's Request	—	—
H760a (+)	(By Sen. Hill, Rep. Eskridge) Authorizes an investment tax credit against state income taxes for investments in wind turbines, solar energy, low impact hydro, industrial waste, animal waste, municipal waste, geothermal resources, other renewable resources, patterned after the broadband tax credit that was enacted in 2001. The credit escalates if a qualifying facility is located in certain economically depressed counties; sunsets in 2009.	Passed 62-0	Passed 32-0 as amended in the Senate	V E T O E D
H761a (+)	(By Sen. Hill, Rep. Eskridge) Authorizes an income tax credit of one-half cent per kilowatt for electric energy generated by wind turbines, solar energy, low impact hydro industrial waste, animal waste, municipal waste, geothermal resources and other renewable resources; only facilities constructed after January 1, 2004, to qualify.	Passed 61-0	Passed 32-0 as Amended in the Senate	V E T O E D

<p>HJM16 (By all 16 House and 7 Senate Democrats) Asks U.S. Congress (-) and the President to allow Idahoans the opportunity to legally buy prescription drugs from Canada.</p>	<p>Health & Welfare</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>HJM23a (By Speaker Bruce Newcomb) Opposes releasing large amounts (+) of irrigation storage water for flow augmentation, contrary to the law of the state of Idaho, and opposes breaching of the four lower Snake River dams</p>	<p>Passed 62-8</p>	<p>Adopted on Voice Vote</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>HJM24 (By Speaker Newcomb) Encourages development of additional (+) water supply enhancement projects, such as reservoirs and aquifer recharge.</p>	<p>Passed on Voice Vote</p>	<p>Adopted on Voice Vote</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>HJR7 (By Rep. Barrett, Sen. Sweet & Idahoans for Tax Reform) (+) Constitutional amendment that would limit state spending to an amount equal to the previous year's level plus the annual inflation rate, plus the annual percentage increase in population. State revenues collected in excess of the limit are distributed among three created funds - the Emergency Fund (25%), the Budget Stabilization Fund (50%), and the Excess Revenue Fund (25%). The Emergency Fund can be tapped upon a declaration of emergency by the governor and a majority vote; the Budget Stabilization Fund can be tapped when state revenues come in below the spending cap, but only up to the amount of the deficiency, and upon a 2/3 vote; Legislature may deposit additional revenues into the Emergency Fund or Budget Stabilization Fund</p>	<p>Revenue & Taxation</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1225 (By Sen. Schroeder) Emphasizes that the Idaho Constitution gives (-) authority to the Idaho Legislature to establish education policy for the State of Idaho, and that the Executive branch of state government has a Constitutional responsibility to faithfully execute the laws of the State of Idaho</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1226 (By Dept. of Labor) Prevents so-called "SUTA (State Unemployment Tax Acts) dumping" – wherein an employer with a poor experience rating in the unemployment insurance system buys a small business that has a low unemployment insurance tax rate, closes activity of the small business, and transfers payroll to it from the buyer business to obtain the better unemployment insurance rating; four Idaho cases discovered so far reportedly already have cost Idaho more than \$436,000; has emergency clause</p>	<p>Passed 64-0</p>	<p>Passed 31-0</p>	<p>LAW</p>
<p>S1232a (By Sen. Noh) Creates a new crime of damaging commercial (+) aquaculture operations, with a penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine</p>	<p>Passed 66-1</p>	<p>Passed 32-0</p>	<p>LAW</p>
<p>S1279aSaH (By DEQ) Transfers licensure for Drinking Water and (+) Wastewater (+) Professionals from DEQ to the Bureau of Occupational Licenses.</p>	<p>Passed 66-0</p>	<p>Passed 35-0 as Amended in House</p>	<p>LAW</p>
<p>S1287a (By Idaho Association of Highway Districts) Provides ordinance-making authority to highway district commissioners. (-)</p>	<p>Held in Transportation</p>	<p>Passed 32-1</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1308 (By Ryan Kerby) Requires full-time kindergarten attendance for (-) specific students and includes this change in the kindergarten attendance factor in the school funding formula. The fiscal impact would be \$7,395,000.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1310a (By Sen. Gannon) This bill is intended to eliminate confusion about (+) charter schools accounting for and reporting use of State funds; Would require the same standards of accountability for charter school boards of directors that exist for School District Boards of Directors. Requires preparation of annual financial reports, publishing the annual statement of financial condition, and annual audit of financial statements; Authorizes investment of excess cash with interest accruing back to the charter school.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Returned to Education</p>	<p>—</p>

<p>S1354 (By Sens. Calabretta, Werk, Burkett, Kennedy, Stennett, Marley, Malepeai & Rep. Ringo) provide additional qualifications for members of the State Board of Education, requiring that consideration be given to balanced geographical representation, and that at least 3 but not more than 4 of the members shall be from the same major political party.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Failed 8-24</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1355 (By Sen. Schroeder) Creates process to notify citizens about vacancies in enrollment, to govern conduct of the selection process.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1358 (By Bob West & Don Robertson, St. Dept. of Education) Deletes provisions limiting the number of charter schools that can be approved each year in Idaho, and in each region, by boards of trustees in each district, during the first 5 years in which the Charter School Act was in place.</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>Passed 30-5</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1359 (By Bob West & Don Robertson, St. Dept. of Education) Requires the charter school petition to include the provision of election of governing board members after the second year of operation. This proposal amends Idaho Code 33-5204 regarding how the membership of the governing board of a charter school is determined.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1362 (By Bob West & Don Robertson, St. Dept. of Education) Allows up to 10% of available capacity in each grade of a charter school to be reserved for children of charter school founders, board members, and employees; provides for random lotteries, in cases of over-enrollment, to be conducted by a third party.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1364 (By Bob West & Don Robertson, St. Dept. of Education) Companion legislation to the proposal that charter schools may be designated Local Education Agencies (LEA's) for funding purposes. Currently, charter schools, as schools within a LEA, are exempt from the sections referred to in this proposed legislation. If charter schools are allowed to be designated as LEA's, they would not be exempt from these sections.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1373a (By Sen. Sorenson) Requires contractors and subcontractors (including temporary employees) to participate in the Idaho Employer Alcohol and Drug-free Workplace program in order to be eligible for contracts with the state.</p>	<p>Passed 39-26</p>	<p>Passed 26-9</p>	<p>LAW</p>
<p>S1384 (By Sen. Cameron & Reps. Newcomb and Bedke) REPLACED BY S1439 Authorizes creation of a county-based intermodal commerce authority to create, stimulate and advance commerce and economic development. The authority is empowered to receive federal, state or local gifts, grants and direct appropriations. The authority can enter into contracts and hold and lease property only to promote local and statewide economic growth and commerce. There is no taxing authority.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Local Government & Taxation</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1392 (By Sen. Schroeder) Prohibits the State Board of Education from authorizing any alternative means of certifying teachers.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>3rd Reading</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1406 (By Bob Henry) Deletes limit on number of new public charter schools and prohibits the authorization of any new public charter school within two miles of an existing public charter school.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Education</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1436 (By Sens. Ingram and Bunderson, Rep. Gagner) Creates new method for funding local transportation infrastructure projects; Idaho Transportation Board would be authorized to dedicate up to 25% of the state's annual distribution of federal fuel taxes to service bonds issued to pay for qualified road projects, estimated to create \$12-\$13 million in revenue annually and finance up to \$700 million in bond proceeds; authorizes participation by the Idaho Housing Finance Association in these bonding actions; no general fund fiscal impact.</p>	<p>—</p>	<p>Held in Committee at Sponsors' Request</p>	<p>—</p>

H757a (M) (By Rep. Gagner) Provides disclosure to patients at the time of their initial contact with a health care provider as to whether they contract with the insurer.	Passed 66-1	Commerce & Human Resources	—
H768 (M) (By Appropriations) Appropriates \$223,366,200 from the general fund to the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho for Boise State University, Idaho State University, the University of Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, and the Office of the State Board of Education for FY05; expresses the Legislature's continued belief regarding funding equity among Idaho's four year institutions of higher education.	Passed 38-31	Passed 18-16	LAW
H808 (M) (By Woody Richards/Blue Cross) Clarifies whether health care plans are managed care plans for purposes of Title 41, Chapter 39, Idaho Code; Sets forth requirements for insurers offering health care plans that do not meet the definition of managed care plans; no general fund fiscal impact.	Passed 64-0	Passed 35-0	LAW
H833 (M) (By Ken McClure/Idaho Medical Association, Steve Tobiason/Idaho Assoc. of Health Plans, & Julie Taylor/Blue Cross) Requires insurance companies that provide health insurance to pay a claim for covered services within 30 days following receipt of a bill if the claim is sent electronically, or within 45 days if sent by paper. If an insurance company has a contract with a provider which contains different payment requirements, the contractual provisions supersede the requirements of this statute. This statute will apply only when an insurer is not complying with its contract, or where there is no contract. This statute will only apply if a provider submits a claim promptly for payment. There is no fiscal impact on general fund.	Business	—	—
H837 (M) (By Appropriations) FY05 appropriation to the Department of Environmental Quality for \$15,146,000 from the General Fund; Section 2 places 369.55 cap on number of authorized full-time equivalent positions; Sections 3 and 4 direct the State Controller to transfer \$520,000 from Water Pollution Control Fund to the Environmental Remediation Fund and to use those moneys for Bunker Hill remediation; Section 5 provides that \$1 million of Water Pollution Control Funds is to be used solely for projects in Coeur d'Alene River Basin to count toward match required to receive federal cleanup funds; Section 6 prohibits the department from transferring appropriations out of the air quality program.	Passed 54-16	Passed 33-1	LAW
S1269a (M) (By Sen. Ingram) INTRACITY LIGHT RAIL SYSTEMS – Authorizes specified public entities with responsibility for transportation systems and urban renewal projects to acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend, maintain or repair intracity light rail systems including, but not limited to, rights-of-way, rails, cars, and other ancillary improvements owned, controlled or operated by a public entity; revises and modernizes laws governing regulation of the offer and sale of securities. This bill closely tracks the Uniform Securities Act recently adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.	Passed 52-11	Passed 33-1	V E T O E D
S1284a (N) (By Sen. Compton) Revenues from Idaho's sales and uses tax shall be attributed by dollar amount to the counties in which the sales occurred. Purpose is to provide information about sales/use taxes being collected in the various counties, enhancing measurement of economic growth.	—	Amending Order	—
S1422a (N) (By Roy Eiguren/ValleyRide) Clarifies that Regional Public Transportation Authorities are exempt from taxation as are other political subdivisions of the state; public transportation services operated by RPTAs are subject to the same fuels tax treatment,	Sent to Floor With Do-Pass	Passed 34-0	—

<p>S1433 (M)</p>	<p>(By Finance) Public Schools Budget Appropriation of \$14,200,000 in general funds for the Division of Children's Programs portion. This budget adds funds for increases in Exceptional Contracts/Tuition Equivalencies, growth in Limited English Proficiency (LEP) enrollment, and an increase in available federal pass-through funds. The budget also reflects a reduction in the amount of funding necessary for the Idaho Reading Initiative, due to a reduced need for teacher training and remedial student education (fewer children are reading below grade level). Section 9 of the bill ratifies recent decisions made by the State Board of Education, by directing the Board to use available federal funds to develop a computer-based program to help provide remedial education for students who fail to achieve full proficiency in the Idaho Standards Achievement test (ISAT). The pieces of the Public Schools budget that are part of this division's appropriation include: (1) Border Contracts for children educated out-of-state; (2) Exceptional Contracts/Tuition Equivalencies; (3) Program Adjustments (funding for Booth Home); (4) Idaho Safe & Drug-Free Schools program; (5) Idaho Reading Initiative; (6) Limited English Proficiency (LEP) program; (7) Idaho Digital Learning Academy funding; and (8) The Children's Programs' portion of federal pass-through funding to local school districts.</p>	<p>Passed 46-24</p>	<p>Passed 25-10</p>	<p>LAW</p>
<p>S1434 (M)</p>	<p>(By Finance) Public Schools Budget: Appropriation (no general funds) for the Division of Facilities. The pieces of the Public Schools budget that are part of this division's appropriation, all of which are funded with State Lottery revenues, include: (1) Funding for the Bond Levy Equalization program; (2) A final transfer to the School Safety & Health Revolving Loan & Grant Fund, for the second half of an interest subsidy payment due the Whitepine School District; and (3) The regular distribution to Idaho school districts of all net remaining lottery proceeds.</p>	<p>Passed 55-14</p>	<p>Passed 28-7</p>	<p>LAW</p>
<p>S1437 (M)</p>	<p>(By Sens. Andreason and Bunderson) Allows Idaho to work with 44 other states and the District of Columbia in addressing problems resulting from the nationwide growth in Internet sales, which creates an unfair competitive disadvantage for local retail businesses and allows avoidance of as much as \$44 million (2001 estimate) to \$151 million (2006 estimate) in sales tax revenues to the state. This legislation allows Idaho to fully participate with the Streamlined Sales Tax Implementing States (SSTIS) by sending a voting delegate to the SSTIS to work on amending the model Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (SSUTA). Before Idaho can sign the Agreement, the Idaho Legislature will need to pass additional legislation conforming Idaho's sales and use tax statutes to the agreement; no negative general fund fiscal impact.</p>	<p>Revenue & Taxation</p>	<p>Passed 34-0</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>S1441 (M)</p>	<p>(By John Greenfield) This bill would (1) Allow the Industrial Commission to quote or discuss otherwise exempt medical and rehabilitation records during a hearing on a claim for compensation, or in a written decision following such a hearing; and (2) Clarify that written decisions issued by the industrial commission, including the names of the parties involved, shall not be exempt from disclosure to the public in any way. Use of the names of the parties in the written decisions of the Industrial Commission, as they are released to the public, is important to research and briefing by claimants, self-insured employers, and sureties alike.</p>	<p>State Affairs</p>	<p>Passed 34-0</p>	<p>—</p>
<p>SJM108 (M)</p>	<p>(By Sen. Schroeder, Reps. Barraclough, Bedke, & Jaquet) Suggests amendments to the federal No Child Left Behind Act</p>	<p>Adopted on Voice Vote</p>	<p>Adopted on Voice Vote</p>	<p>—</p>