

LOBBYIST MONTHLY REPORT FORM

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(Sec. 67-6619)

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Lobbyist's name and permanent business address <i>Alex LaBeau 1450 W. Bannock Boise, Id 83702</i>	Date prepared <i>4/7/04</i>	Period covered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> month ending (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) <i>3 31 04</i>
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Category of Expenditure Reimbursed Personal Living and Travel Expenses Pertaining to Lobbying Activity Do Not Have to be Reported	Total Expenditure	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					
Food and Refreshment	\$ <i>593.28</i>	\$ <i>593.28</i>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Living Accommodations					
Advertising					
Travel	<i>63.50</i>	<i>63.50</i>			
Telephone	<i>948.68</i>	<i>948.68</i>			
Office Expenses					
Other Expenses or Services <i>tickets to caucus events</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>			
Total	\$ <i>1,705.46</i>	\$ <i>1,705.46</i>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

Item 2	The totals of each expenditure of more than fifty dollars (\$50) for a legislator or other holder of public office			
	Date	Place	Amount	Names of Legislators & Public Officials in Group
		<i>N/A</i>		

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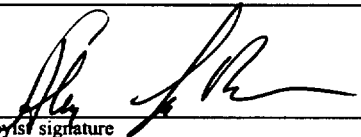
<p align="center">INSTRUCTIONS</p> <p>Who should file this form: Any lobbyist registered under Section 67-6617 Idaho Code</p> <p>Filing deadline: Monthly reports due within ten (10) days of the month for activities of the past month.</p> <p>TO BE FILED WITH: Ben Ysursa Secretary of State PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0080 Phone: (208) 334-2852 Fax: (208) 334-2282</p>	Item 3	Employer(s) Name(s) and Address(es)
	No. 1	<i>Idaho Assoc. of Realtors 1450 W. Bannock Boise, Id 83702</i>
	No. 2	
	No. 3	
	No. 4	

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
			N/A

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
	See attached		

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

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


4/7/04
 Lobbyist signature Date

**Idaho Association of REALTORS Legislative Action Summary
FINAL, 2004**

Bill Number and Description	IAR Position on the Issue	Current Status
House Bills		
<u>H-502 Telephone Land Line Price Deregulation:</u> This proposal will permit currently regulated telephone companies the option to elect to be regulated pursuant to Title 62, Idaho Code, rather than Title 61, Idaho Code. In 1988, legislation was approved that allowed existing telephone companies to elect an alternative form of regulation, eliminating the monopoly and rate of return pricing system established in 1913, for all telecommunication services except basic local residential and small business services.	SUPPORT--loss	Lost on Senate Floor 17-18
<u>H-594 Agriculture Land Preservation Tax:</u> This proposal will create a due on sale tax to be used for the preservation of agricultural land. The bill states that once a change of use occurs to the property the tax comes due.	OPPOSE--win	Held-House Rev & Tax
<u>H-612 Mobile Home Park Eviction Procedure:</u> This legislation would prohibit a landowner from evicting tenants of a mobile home park for 300 days rather than the current 100.	OPPOSE-win	Replaced with H-687
<u>H-634 Drainage Districts Notice and Approval:</u> This legislation would give drainage districts the ability to sign off on subdivision plats prior to the recording of the plat.	OPPOSE-win	Amended to IAR satisfaction
<u>H-685 Annexation:</u> New language is added, to provide that, except when the consent is obtained from those to be annexed, a city will give notice of intent to annex, hold a public hearing and hold an election seeking a 2/3rd majority vote. A city would not be allowed to annex new territory without the affirmative vote.	OPPOSE-win	Held-House Local Government
<u>H-687 Mobile Home Park Eviction Procedure:</u> This legislation would prohibit a landowner from evicting tenants of a mobile home park for 300 days rather than the current 100.	OPPOSE--win	Held-H Local Government
<u>H-716 Over 70 Exemption of \$150,000:</u> This legislation would allow a citizen over the age of 70 to have a Homeowner's value exemption of \$150,000. The shift would be approximately \$5 billion in taxable value statewide resulting in a property tax increase of 5% on all property not qualifying for the exemption.	OPPOSE--win	Held-House Subcommittee
<u>H-739 Procedure for Erroneous Claims for 50/50 Exemption:</u> This legislation provides authority and procedures for determination and collection of homeowner's exemptions from property tax in situations where the exemption is improperly claimed and allowed as a result of error, misstatement or misunderstanding.	SUPPORT-win	LAW
<u>H-754 Expenditure Limitations:</u> The legislation provides for a complex formula designed to limit the expenditures of the state based on a combination of population, CPI and other indexes. The measure mimics some current spending controls in law and adds new provisions for the budget stabilization account and a taxpayer fund that would provide a periodic refund when the balance reaches a certain level.	MONITOR-completed	Failed House Floor
<u>H-781 Property Value Freeze:</u> Legislation that would freeze the property taxes of primary residences at their current values ,but would allow for a taxable value increase of 3% per year. The valuation would be reset when the homeowner moved. The resulting taxable value shift is \$2.5 billion statewide.	OPPOSE-win	Held-House Subcommittee
<u>H-825 Property Tax Freeze:</u> The purpose of this legislation is to protect homeowners, age 65 or older, or disabled, from increased property taxes resulting from increases in taxable value. If household income, before taxes, is less than \$35,000 and the resident qualified for the homeowner exemption in the previous year, they could apply with the assessor for a freeze on the taxable value of the home and residential lot. This exemption would apply only to owner occupied primary residential properties.	OPPOSE-win	Held-House Subcommittee
<u>H-826 Property Tax Exemption CPI Adjustment:</u> The purpose of this legislation is to provide for an annual cost of living adjustment on the \$50,000 upper limit of the homeowner property tax exemption. The percentage used for adjustment would match that used for the income threshold for the circuit breaker, the national Consumer Price Index. If the CPI was two percent in the first year, the upper limit on the exemption would increase by \$1,000. There would be no change in the maximum percentage of the exemption, 50 percent of the assessed value of residential improvements.	OPPOSE--win	Held-House Subcommittee
<u>H-832 Public Improvement Districts:</u> The legislation provides this legislation provides for the formation of a public infrastructure improvements district by a petition filed by 100% of the owners of all the land in which the proposed district would be located. A district would be formed for the purpose of building new public infrastructure improvements to serve new growth and development, and to provide for the payment of those costs by the new growth and development.	SUPPORT-loss	Failed Senate Local Gov.
<u>HJR-5 2/3 Vote Constitutional Amendment:</u> This resolution proposes to amend the Idaho Constitution to provide that on and after January 1, 2005 any action taken by the legislature that would increase the rate of the state sales and use tax, the state individual income tax, and the state corporate or franchise tax, shall be approved by two-thirds of the entire membership of the house of representatives, two-thirds of the entire membership of the senate, and signed by the governor. The bill fails to protect exemptions and other forms of fees and taxes that could more easily be raised if this was in place.	OPPOSE-W	Withdrawn

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<p><u>HJM-20 Opposition to OCC Rules;</u> The purpose of this House of Representatives Joint Memorial is to notify the United States Senate and House of Representatives and Idaho's congressional delegation that the Legislature of the State of Idaho is opposed to the rules finalized by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) that preempt most state consumer protection laws and enforcement of those laws as they apply to national banks, their operating subsidiaries and agents. Both Houses of Congress have either held or scheduled oversight hearings to address the OCC's preemption rules. The joint memorial urges Congress to carefully review the rules, and act to reassert its authority over federal banking policy.</p>	<p>SUPPORT-win</p>	<p>Adopted</p>
<p>SENATE BILLS</p>		
<p><u>S-1240 Assigned Agency by IREC;</u> the bill authorizes a brokerage to assign a different sales associate to represent each party, provided the brokerage obtains the written consent of both parties and has developed an office policy to ensure that client confidences are not compromised. The designated broker would not be able to act as an assigned agent, but must remain a limited dual agent.</p>	<p>SUPPORT--win</p>	<p>LAW</p>
<p><u>S-1242 Fine Money for RE Education by IREC;</u> A consensus of industry representatives and the Commission determined that fine and civil penalty moneys should not be used for the general public, but should be used to benefit real estate licensees, specifically, by providing education with the aim of decreasing licensee violations. The bill authorizes expenditures for such education from those moneys.</p>	<p>SUPPORT--win</p>	<p>LAW</p>
<p><u>S-1284 Sales Tax Receipt Reporting by County;</u> The legislation would require that the state report sales tax receipts by county to give more information about where the bulk of retail sales are generated.</p>	<p>SUPPORT--loss</p>	<p>Failed Senate Floor</p>
<p><u>S-1287 Highway District authority;</u> The Legislation would give local highway districts ordinance authority.</p>	<p>OPPOSE--win</p>	<p>Withdrawn for Rewrite</p>
<p><u>S-1332 False Claims Act;</u> The legislation will give anyone the right to file a suit for the recovery of triple damages against anyone working with or providing services to the state of Idaho. The bill sets up a "bounty hunting" mechanism whereby anyone who brings the claim will be awarded attorney fees and half of the recovery.</p>	<p>OPPOSE---win</p>	<p>Held-Senate Judiciary and Rules</p>
<p><u>S-1340 Building Contractor Registration;</u> This bill will create a registration system for contractors and would require that all contractors be registered with the state Division of Building Safety. It would provide a mechanism for the state to remove contractors who prove to be incompetent, dishonest, or unprincipled from the registry.</p>	<p>SUPPORT--loss</p>	<p>Withdrawn for on year</p>
<p><u>S-1389 Residential Mortgage Practices;</u> The purpose of this legislation is to establish licensing and educational requirements for all persons who originate loans and are not regulated under other laws of the state. This bill will provide for greater consumer protection. The bill also defines the relationship between a mortgage broker/banker and loan originators, making that relationship the same as described under Idaho Code as a real estate broker and sales associates and insurance broker and sales associates. The bill allows for continuing education requirements.</p>	<p>MONITOR--completed</p>	<p>LAW</p>