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LOBBYIST MONTHLY REPORT FORM

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L-3 LOBBYISTS
(Sec. 67-6619)

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Lobbyist's name and permanent business address Toni Lawson P O Box 1278 Boise, ID 83701-1278	Date prepared 04/03/2008	Period covered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> month ending (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) 03 31 2008
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Item 1	Totals of all reportable expenditures made or incurred by Lobbyist or by Lobbyist's Employer on behalf of Lobbyist's Employer.				
Category of Expenditure <small>Reimbursed Personal Living and Travel Expenses Pertaining to Lobbying Activity Do Not Have to be Reported</small>	*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	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Food and Refreshment	0.00	0.00	_____	_____	_____
Living Accommodations	0.00	0.00	_____	_____	_____
Advertising	0.00	0.00	_____	_____	_____
Travel	0.00	0.00	_____	_____	_____
Telephone	0.00	0.00	_____	_____	_____
Other Expenses or Services	0.00	0.00	_____	_____	_____
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 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	The totals of each expenditure of more than fifty dollars (\$50) for a legislator, other holder of public office, and executive officials.			
Date	Place	Amount	Names of Legislators, Public and Executive Officials in Group	
	NONE			

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INSTRUCTIONS Who should file this form: Any lobbyist registered under Section 67-6617 Idaho Code Filing deadline: Monthly reports due within ten (10) days of the month for activities of the past month. TO BE FILED WITH: Ben Yursa Secretary of State PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0080 Phone: (208) 334-2852 Fax: (208) 334-2282	Item 3	Employer(s) Name(s) and Address(es) No. 1 Idaho Hospital Association P O Box 1278 Boise, ID 83701-1278 No. 2 No. 3 No. 4
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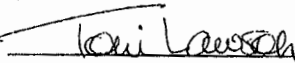
Item 4	Expenditures made by the lobbyist or by the lobbyist's employer in the nature of contributions of money or other tangible or intangible personal property to any Legislator, Public or Executive Official or for or on behalf of any Legislator, Public or Executive Official.		
	Date	Amount	Name of Legislator, Public or Executive Official Receiving or Benefiting
		NONE	

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	
17	Please see attached		

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		

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

Item 6	Identify any rule, ratemaking decision, procurement, contract, bid or bid process, financial services or bond lobbyist was supporting or opposing.


4-3-08

 Lobbyist signature Date



Legislative Report

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IHA Sponsored Legislation

Bill #	Overview & Supporting Documents	Status
H0443	<u>Idaho Hospital Assessment Act</u> (aka Private Hospital UPL Legislation) -- the bill is being sponsored by Rep. Fred Wood (R-Burley) and Sen. Denton Darrington (R-Declo). <i>3/17 update: The bill was signed into law.</i>	Governor signed Session Law Chapter 91 Effective: 7/1/08
SJR105	<u>Idaho Hospital Funding Constitutional Amendment</u> - If approved by the Legislature as well as a popular vote, the resolution would allow for a constitutional amendment allowing publicly owned hospitals to incur indebtedness or liability without a public vote provided that no ad valorem tax revenue is used. The amendment would be under the same section as that which allows hospitals to joint venture without voter approval. This resolution is a partner to SJR107. <i>3/31 update: The bill remains on the third reading calendar (which is the point at which it will be voted on); however, action is being postponed until the results of SJR107 (below) are clear.</i>	Senate -- 3rd reading
SJR107	<u>Funding for Public Entities</u> - If approved by both the Legislature and during a popular vote, this constitutional amendment would allow revenue-generating public entities to incur indebtedness and seek multi-year contracts without a public vote provided that user fees, not tax revenue, it used. <i>3/31 update: This cooperative endeavor with IHA, the Idaho Association of Cities, the Idaho Association of Counties and several other groups, is still awaiting action by the House. Stay tuned for a special Tuesday edition of Weekly Bulletin for the latest information.</i>	Senate -- Passed: 34-0-1 House -- State Affairs

Priority Healthcare Legislation

Bill #	Position, Rationale, & Update	Status
H0488	<u>Midwifery</u> - Creates voluntary licensure for lay midwives through the Bureau of Occupational Licenses. The bill, if passed, would increase the scope of practice to include allowing the prescription of some medications. <i>3/21 update: Concerns about the bill were voiced in an opinion drafted by the Attorney General's office leading the bill to be sent back to committee by the sponsor, effectively stopping the legislation for this session.</i>	House -- H&W (returned to committee, no further action being taken)
H0579	<u>Taxing Districts</u> - Provides a mechanism for the voters of certain taxing districts to reduce via a public vote, the property tax portion of the taxing district's budget, should the item exceed \$250,000.	House -- Passed: 39-29-2 Senate -- Loc Gov
HCR041	<u>Medicaid Funded by DSH</u> - This resolution urges the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to use portions of the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital funds to help individuals retain private health insurance. <i>Final status: This bill failed to receive a majority vote in the House Health & Welfare Committee and will go no further.</i>	House -- H&W (failed in committee)

Other Health Related Information

Bill #	Title & Description	Status
H0344	<u>Income Tax Withholding</u> -- This bill simplifies the year-end income tax withholding reports employers now must file with the State Tax Commission by combining two filings (W2 copies and the annual reconciliation of the amounts reported on the W-2s) into a single filing.	Governor signed Session Law Chapter 5 Effective: 7/1/08

H0357	<u>Sales Tax</u> - Revises the sales and use tax exemptions for medical prescriptions to clarify that the exemptions apply to all practitioners authorized by code to prescribe (including physician assistants); and to include dental fillings.	Governor signed Session Law Chapter 19 Effective: 7/1/08
H0388	<u>Nursing Licensure and Discipline</u> - Corrects code relating to nurse licensure and clarifies disciplinary grounds for misuse of alcohol and drugs, and for failure to comply with a board order, negotiated settlement or probationary agreement, or to pay fines or costs assessed in a prior disciplinary proceeding as independent grounds for additional disciplinary action.	Governor signed Session Law Chapter 679 Effective: 7/1/08
H0489	<u>Health Quality Planning Commission</u> - This bill would remove the sunset date from the Health Quality Planning Commission and add "lay" reporting to the tasks of the Commission.	House -- Passed: 67-0-3 Senate -- Passed: 33-0-2
H0509	<u>Prescription Drug Program</u> - Establishes the Idaho Prescription Drug Program within the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to provide those uninsured and underinsured with rates not available to them but available to those in group plans to purchase medications.	House -- H&W
HJM006	<u>Skilled Nursing Facilities</u> - This resolution would compel Idaho's congressional delegation and others to improve the federal survey process for skilled nursing facilities.	House -- Adopted Senate -- Adopted
HCR035	<u>Small Business Health Insurance</u> - Directs the Legislative Council to create an interim committee to study and recommend solutions to assist small business owners in paying for health insurance for themselves and their employees.	House -- Bus
HCR040	<u>Medicaid Medication Therapy</u> - A concurrent resolution encouraging the Department of Health and Welfare to proceed with developing a Medicaid Medication Therapy Management program.	House -- H&W
S1320	<u>Medical Services for Prisoners</u> - Provide that the Board of Correction shall pay for medical services for prisoners committed only to the custody of the Department of Correction.	Governor signed Session Law Chapter 61 Effective: 7/1/08
S1364	<u>Naturopath Licensing</u> - Repeals the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Act.	Senate -- H&W
S1386	<u>Authorization of Medications</u> - Creates a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee within the Dept. of Health and Welfare charged making non-binding recommendations concerning administration of the department's prescription drug program. Additionally, the bill authorizes a physician to prescribe medication without prior departmental authorization if, in the physician's opinion, the medication is medically necessary for a specific patient or if the drug has previously been approved by the department for that patient's medical condition.	Senate -- H&W
S1425	<u>Naturopath Licensing</u> - Identifies the educational and exam standards for naturopathic physicians. Because, the current board has been operable for 2 years and has not been able to draft rules to pass the legislature, but has issued licenses, this change provides for new board members to be appointed who meet the standards of the statute. These changes provide licensure for those who were medically trained as naturopathic physicians while continuing to allow for naturopaths with limited training, and natural health care workers to continue to practice.	Senate -- Passed: 25-7-3 House -- Passed: 60-5-5
S1426	<u>Mental Illness Hospitalization</u> - This legislation is the recommendation of the Sub-Committee on Mental Health of the Health Care Task Force. The group, following the study of the involuntary commitment process and laws in Idaho, is proposing minor adjustments in an attempt to improve identified deficiencies.	Senate -- Passed: 33-0-2 House -- Passed: 68-0-2 returned to Senate with amendments Senate -- Passed: 35-0-0

House / Senate Abbreviations

Ag Aff - Agricultural Affairs

Approp - Appropriations

Bus - Business

Com/HR - Commerce & Human Resources

Educ - Education

Envir - Environment, Energy & Technology

Fin - Finance

H/W - Health & Welfare

JFAC - Joint Finance & Appropriation Committee

Jud - Judiciary, Rules & Administration

Loc Gov - Local Government

Res/Con - Resources & Conversation

Res/Env - Resources & Environment

Rev/Tax - Revenue & Taxation

St Aff - State Affairs

Transp - Transportation & Defense

W/M - Way and Means

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