

Interim Study Committees

Interim study committees work during the interim between legislative sessions to study complex issues and formulate recommendations for action by the Legislature in upcoming sessions. Interim committees are authorized for a specific purpose and length of time. They meet in various parts of the state to gather information, listen to professional presentations and solicit information from Idaho citizens, and they cease to exist after submitting their final reports to the Legislature, usually before the next legislative session begins.

Members include senators and representatives from both political parties. They are selected by the Legislative Council, the bipartisan legislative group that manages legislative business between sessions.

The Legislative Services Office provides staff for all interim study committees. For information, consult the Idaho Legislature website online at:

www.legislature.idaho.gov

Interim Committees, Task Forces and Special Committees 2020

Capitol Services Committee

Staff: Eric Milstead, Michelle O'Brien

Child Protection Legislative Oversight Committee

Staff: Elizabeth Bowen, Jared Tatro, Ana Lara

Committee On Federalism

Staff: Kristin Ford, Jill Randolph, Ana Lara

Criminal Justice Reinvestment Oversight Committee

Staff: Ryan Bush, Jared Hoskins, Ana Lara

Equitable Assessment of Costs Related to Medicaid Expansion

Staff: Elizabeth Bowen, Jared Tatro, Jennifer Kish

Idaho Council on Indian Affairs

Staff: Matt Drake, Ana Lara

Natural Resources Interim Committee

Staff: Katharine Gerrity, Rob Sepich, Jennifer Kish

Occupational Licensing and Certification Laws Committee

Staff: Matt Drake, Maggie Smith, Christine Otto, Jennifer Kish

Property Tax Working Group

Staff: Kristin Ford, Keith Bybee, Ana Lara

Meeting calendars and minutes are available online at:

www.legislature.idaho.gov

Contact staff: 334-2475

Information Resources

The **Idaho Legislature's website** provides current listings of bills, committee calendars and minutes, Idaho statutes, administrative rules, legislator contact information, house leadership details, and much more: www.legislature.idaho.gov

The **Legislative Services Office**, First Floor West Wing, Capitol Building - W114, employs full-time staff who will be glad to answer your questions and provide legislative information throughout the year: 208-334-2475.

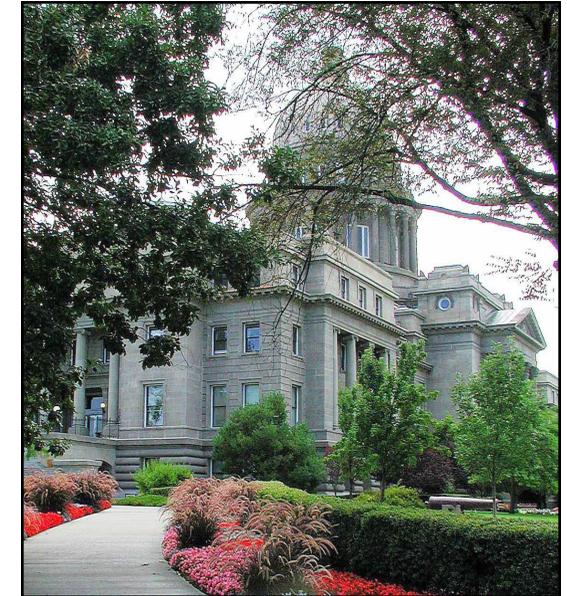
The **Legislative Research Library**, First Floor North End, Capitol Building, is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. (June thru December). The library maintains and keeps current a collection of legislative materials, as well as current and superseded volumes of Idaho Code and Idaho Administrative Code. Contact the library at 208-334-4822 or online at: <http://legislature.idaho.gov/research/referencelibrary.htm>

The **Legislative Information Center**, Garden Level, Rotunda Capitol Building - is open during the legislative session, during which time copies of bills, amendments, journals, and bill status can be obtained at the Center. In Boise, 332-1000; toll free and TDD 1-800-626-0471 and E-mail address: idleginfo@iso.idaho.gov



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How Citizens Can Testify Before Legislative Committees



Idaho Legislature
Information Series Brochure

Testifying Before Legislative Committees

Idaho has an open legislative process. All committee action on bills and amendments is conducted in open sessions and you may attend any or all of these meetings.

Once a bill has been introduced, it is assigned to a committee for study and consideration. The committee chairman determines when a bill is to be scheduled for a hearing. Public testimony is permitted at most meetings.

Legislative committee meetings are generally informal, but it is important that you follow the guidelines and protocol listed below:

Before the Hearing

- Find out when and where your bill(s) will be heard. Committee and task force calendars are available online at:

www.legislature.idaho.gov

- Plan your testimony. You will be more effective getting your message across if you prepare your testimony in writing so you can distribute it to committee members. At the hearing you can then summarize your oral remarks to conserve time.

At the Committee Meeting

- Be on time.
- Be sure to sign your name when you arrive and indicate whether you intend to testify. Sign-up sheets are available at all meetings.
- Wait your turn. The chairman will announce when a particular bill is coming before the committee for discussion. The bill's sponsor is usually the first to speak. After the sponsor's testimony, the chairman then may ask for testimony from proponents and opponents.

- Begin your testimony by addressing the chairman and committee members. State your name, address, and why you are there. For example: "Mr. (or Madam) Chairman and members of the Committee: My name is Pat Q. Public. I am from Emmett. I am/am not in favor of this bill because..."
- Be courteous and brief in your language and address. Try not to repeat testimony offered by previous speakers. Be prepared to answer questions. Respond to the questions as best you can, and don't be embarrassed if you don't know the answer to any specific questions.
- Do not be nervous as there is no right or wrong way to testify. Legislators are your friends and neighbors; they were elected to represent you and they want to hear what you have to say.
- Do not be offended if legislators come and go during a meeting. They have other commitments, including the need at times to present information in other meetings occurring simultaneously.
- Members of the audience may not address committee members nor other witnesses in the audience. Demonstrations and applause are also prohibited.

After the Testimony on the Bill

- Do not expect immediate committee action. The bill may be held until another day. You are welcome to stay after the discussion on your bill and listen until the end of the committee meeting.
- If the vote on your bill is postponed and the chairman does not announce a date for further consideration, check back with committee staff or the Information Center about future scheduling.

Remember...

- Legislators want to hear what you have to say. Your input is important to them and they appreciate your interest in Idaho's political process.

Senate Committees

Agricultural Affairs

Rm WW53 — T/Th — 8:00 a.m.
332-1330

Commerce and Human Resources

Rm WW54 — T/Th — 1:30 p.m.
332-1333

Education

Rm WW55 — M/T/W/Th — 3:00 p.m.
332-1321

Finance

Rm C310 — Daily — 8:00 a.m.
334-4735

Health and Welfare

Rm WW54 — M/T/W/Th — 3:00 p.m.
332-1319

Judiciary and Rules

Rm WW54 — M/W/F — 1:30 p.m.
332-1317

Local Government and Taxation

Rm WW53 — T/W/Th — 3:00 p.m.
332-1315

Resources and Environment

Rm WW55 — M/W/F — 1:30 p.m.
332-1323

State Affairs

Rm WW55 — M/W/F — 8:00 a.m.
332-1326

Transportation

Rm WW53 — T/Th — 1:30 p.m.
332-1332

House Committees

Agricultural Affairs

Rm EW42 — Even Days/p.m. — 332-1137

Appropriations

Rm C310 — Daily/a.m. — 334-4736

Business

Rm EW41 — Odd Days/p.m. — 332-1139

Commerce and Human Resources

Rm EW05 — Odd Days/p.m. — 332-1149

Education

Rm EW41 — Daily/a.m. — 332-1148

Environment, Energy, and Technology

Rm EW41 — Even Days/p.m. — 332-1128

Ethics

Rm EW41—On Call/pm—332-1161

Health and Welfare

Rm EW20 — Daily/a.m. — 332-1138

Judiciary, Rules, and Administration

Rm EW42 — Odd Days/p.m. — 332-1127

Local Government

Rm EW05 — Even Days/p.m. — 332-1147

Resources and Conservation

Rm EW40 — Odd Days/p.m. — 332-1136

Revenue and Taxation

Rm EW42 — Daily/a.m. — 332-1125

State Affairs

Rm EW40 — Daily/a.m. — 332-1145

Transportation and Defense

Rm EW40 — Even Days/p.m. — 332-1146

Ways and Means

Rm E403 — On Call/p.m.— 332-1159