

ITD Week 12 FINAL Legislative Update

TEAM ITD,

Well, as noted last week, the 2018 legislative session officially adjourned *sine die* Wednesday evening (3/28), bringing an end to an 11 ½ week session and 80 days of mischief, disruption and heartburn...oh I mean leadership and solutions!

Haha...ok, all kidding aside, this proved to be a very impactful session for transportation and transportation policy across the entire state. There was of course the expected drama surrounding Rep. Palmer's [H496](#), along with the rumors regarding ID-44, US-20/26 and the "infamous" ID-16. Additionally, there has also been a new piece added to that ever-evolving puzzle, the old HP campus, which is now state-owned ...future home of ITD HQ?

For a little perspective and for all of those number lovers out there, process this:

204: Senate proposals

425: House proposals

629 total bills printed in 2018 (that's basically 8 bills a day including weekends!)

78: total # of proposals analyzed by ITD

50: # of DMV proposals (64% of all bills ITD analyzed)

Now, this may not have been the most robust year of all-time when it comes to transportation legislation analysis, but it surely wasn't light! The Division of Motor Vehicles is responsible for too many services to list, but I hope everyone can appreciate the wide-variety in their work. All of these legislative activities occur in addition to conducting normal business. Oh, and don't even get me started on legislative informational requests. Inquires alone represent a huge piece of the workload and in line with the numbers referenced above, many of those inquiries are DMV based. So, when you get a chance, take a moment to thank our wonderful colleagues in the DMV! ☺ The Governmental Affairs Team commends the dedicated work, effort and support provided by our DMV staff and we hope you all realize how important you are to the Department.

There are a few bills that are worth expanding on. Some of these were highlighted as they occurred, but are substantial and deserve further elaboration. As we know, SAFETY is of paramount significance to the Department and there are 2 specific actions that directly impacted this arena. The first, would be the passage of [H551](#) – Interlock Ignition Devices – this law mandates that all 1st time DUI offenders must have an ignition interlock device installed in their vehicle for a year. AAA and Sen. Burgoyne led this effort, but ITD provided analysis, input and statistics. Per AAA, on average, a person drives drunk 75-80 times before ever being pulled-over and "caught." This statistic has stood out in my mind all session and is really something to think about. As the lead sponsor of this bill, AAA also provided recidivism rates/statistics for DUI offenders and the numbers are equally as startling. So, the big picture here, is that DUI policy in the State of Idaho experienced a dramatic shift this year. Secondly, ITD's FY19

Appropriation ([S1367](#)) included a line item for \$500,000 in ongoing funding for the “Alive at 25 Program” and behavioral education and promotion via our very own Office of Highway Safety. On first glance, this does not seem like much. I mean, our entire annual appropriation is over \$700 million, so what’s \$500K. But, this is going to directly impact the work of OHS. Our OHS friends will be the first to share crash statistics with you and will surely point out that human behavior is almost always at play. So, these monies will be used to specially target different groups of people in an effort to help change and influence behaviors in our community. This is no easy task, but there’s also no doubt that this money is going to help tremendously! Further, it’s a great example of something that had been worked on for months, so thank you to all of those you prepared and strategized on how the Department could accomplish this feat...very well done!

Speaking of our budget. I sure hope everyone takes a moment to think about the size of our agency and the scope of work that we undertake and provide to the citizens of Idaho. Including annual construction carryover, ITD puts forward and presents an annual budget request of approximately \$1 Billion. This work truly occurs year-round, but things really start to heat up as one fiscal year ends and the legislative session nears. ITD has a great team dedicated to this area and it is nothing that should be taken for granted. The work of our financial experts and budget masters is simply incredible! It should also be mentioned, that everyone one of those 78 bills went through the Financial Planning & Analysis Division. So, BIG KUDOS to those teams. It really is a remarkable, annual lift!

The session was also defined by military vehicles and airplanes! S1367 included \$2M for the Department to replace an aging 45 year-old Cessna with a brand new single-engine turboprop powered plane. The amount of work that went into this airplane is difficult to quantify, but there are several individuals who tirelessly supported and analyzed this matter from every perspective. This included work for individual legislators, JFAC, the Governor’s Office and the media. It was a fascinating issue to track and I’d be more than happy to discuss this with any of you further, as there were many nuances! For military vehicles, [H506](#) as amended in the Senate, was the proposal that finally made its way to the Governor’s desk. Many of you are most likely not familiar with this issue, but I am here to tell you that registering military vehicles for use on our public roads and highways is apparently one of the most important transportation issues ever. Politics and the legislature are always difficult to predict and this perfectly emphasized that. H506 taught many of us lessons of all types and will likely be something we joke and tease about for years to come. But, for what it is worth, never underestimate the power of a few and the loud voices they may carry.

Things to look for moving forward, are our interim committees and legislation implementation. The legislature may be closed for business, but much of the work is still left to do. The majority of passed legislation has an implementation date of July 1, 2018, so we will vehemently be working towards that date while also simultaneously planning and preparing for the 2019 legislative session. Now is the time when teams and groups come together to not only reflect on what has occurred over the last 3 months, but also to strategize and prepare for what we want to accomplish next year. [SCR130](#) has us conducting a very significant negotiated rulemaking and if you didn’t already know, the trucking industry is kind of a big deal in this

state, so it should present all types of challenges and opportunities (I may even be reaching out to some of you for assistance on this one).

Not enough can be said for the wonderful people that work here. Our Board, executives and senior leaders truly set the bar high and I know many of us feel that it is a privilege to work with such amazing people! The world in which we live is political in nature and politics impact us every single day. This is really only one snippet or snap shot of what real world politics looks like. But, it is all of US who actually make these things happen and properly function. THANK YOU to all of those who are a part of that process. We truly do make a difference! ☺

Here's a status check on the main bills we tracked this session:

Of Significance, but FAILED

- Electronic Public Notices [Rep. Nate] – [H420](#)
- Agency Directors – Appointment [Rep. Palmer] – [H496](#)
- E-bikes [Rep. King] – [H508](#)
- LPs – Heritage Trust [Rep. Harris] – [H511](#)
- Administrative Hearing Officers [Rep. Luker/Sen. Burgoyne] – [H623](#)
- DUI Diversion Program 2.0 [Rep. Kerby] – [H644](#)
- Commercial Vehicles: CDLs & GVWR [Rep. Dixon] – [H655](#)
- Correctional Industries [Rep. Palmer] – [H711](#)
- Sales Tax – TECM Fund [Rep. Moyle] – [H719](#)
- Distracted Driving – Mobile Devices [M. Kane] – [S1283a](#)
- Tribal Sovereignty: retrocession [Sens. Guthrie/Nye] – [S1320](#)

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- Electronic Overlegal Permits [ITD] – [H364](#)
- Purple Heart Plate [Rep. Moon] – [H387](#)
- Move to the Right: emergency approach [Rep. Palmer] – [H388](#)
- Supplemental Appropriation: TECM, SIPF & IRP [JFAC] – [H442](#)
- Driving in Left-Hand Lane [Rep. Clow] – [H471](#)
- Towing & Lienholders [Rep. Monks] – [H497](#)
- Military Vehicles [Rep. Palmer] – [H506a](#)
- Rotary International Specialty Plate [Rep. McDonald] – [H507a](#)

- Skill Testers Fees [Rep. Wood] – [H512](#)
- Organ Donation: age 16 to 15 [Rep. Monks] – [H546](#)
- Ignition Interlock System [Sen. Burgoyne] – [H551](#)
- Driving w/out Privileges [Sen. Johnson] – [H599](#)
- Information Technology Services [Gov.'s Office] – [H607](#)
- Open Meeting Notices & Agendas [Rep. DeMordaunt] – [H611](#)
- Appropriations: \$22M Technology Infrastructure Funding [JFAC] – [H612](#)
- Trespassing 2.0 [Rep. Boyle] – [H658a](#)
- CDL Federal Regulations [Rep. Monks] – [HJM012](#)
- Sheriff's License Plate – SD to SO [Sen. Crabtree] – [S1282](#)
- "Booting" a Vehicle [Sen. Hill] – [S1284a](#)
- Supplemental Approp.: D3 Shop [JFAC] – [S1322](#)
- FY19 ITD Appropriation [JFAC] – [S1367](#)
- Overlegal Permit Consolidation [R. Eiguren] – [SCR130](#)
- Reauthorization of Interim Committee: CMV Registrations [Sen. Brackett] – [SCR134](#)
- Occupational Licensing Interim Committee [Sen. Lakey] – [SCR146](#)
- Agricultural Transport: ELDs [Sen. Harris] – [SJM104](#)

Please feel free to forward this on to others and as always, please let Mollie, Matt or I know if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Signing-off for the end of the 2018 legislative session,

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