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2024 Legislative Session Preview

The second session of the sixty-seventh Idaho Legislature convened today. Idaho has no set duration for the session, but we anticipate this year's will wrap near the end of March, allowing time for legislators seeking reelection to campaign in advance of the primary election taking place May 21st.

Governor Little delivered his State of the State address, highlighting his top priorities of education, water & transportation infrastructure funding, and tax relief. We are working through his address to better understand these priorities and proposals and will report back on anything germane to your interests.

You can watch his address here: State of the State Address

Election year sessions are often referred to as "litmus test" sessions as issues emerge that are utilized by legislators as a mechanism to campaign. These issues often create a contentious and divisive legislative climate focused and fixated on social issues. We anticipate this will be the case in 2024 with school choice, womens' access to healthcare, library collection development policies, and Medicaid funding emerging as hot button topics. Additionally, a new budgeting process along with revenue coming in below projections should make for an interesting and busy few months.

We are grateful for the opportunity to represent you at the Statehouse, and we are eager to get to work advocating on your behalf.

Nonprofit Highlight

Each week we'll be spotlighting a different Idaho nonprofit to showcase their impact on our community. This week's nonprofit highlight is the <u>Idaho Nonprofit Center</u>. We are excited to partner with them in advocacy at the Statehouse and showcase INC as our first nonprofit highlight of this year. The Idaho Nonprofit Center advocates for the concerns of over 9,000 registered nonprofit entities in our state. INC is comprised of a community of proactive nonprofit executives collaborating to exchange insights, address challenges, advance shared goals, and contribute to the well-being of the public.

Idaho Fun Fact

Idaho is bigger than all of New England combined (Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island).