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Week Three

Legislative Temperament

Committee agendas were stacked with administrative rules up for review this week. While the fast-paced momentum of the previous weeks felt bogged down by process, the week wasn't without a bit of contention. We saw the House and Senate both caucus this week after members expressed significant concern and frustration with the new JFAC process - frustration and confusion that ultimately led the committee to cancel their Friday meeting where they intended to begin setting budgets. We'll watch closely as leadership in both the house and senate work to address the concerns to ensure budget setting, and ultimately adjournment stay on track. This Capital Sun article does a great job of detailing JFAC frustrations.

As the legislative introduction deadline into non-privileged committees nears, we anticipate an uptick in the volume of legislation next week. As always, we will keep you updated as legislation germane to your interests is introduced or advances through the process.

Nonprofit Highlight

The Peregrine Fund, named after the peregrine falcon, a bird of prey, is a non-profit organization established in 1970. Its primary focus is the conservation of threatened and endangered birds of prey on a global scale. The successful recovery of the peregrine falcon in the United States, leading to its removal from the U.S. Endangered Species List in 1999, allowed the organization to broaden its mission to encompass other endangered raptors worldwide. The Peregrine Fund's headquarters, known as the World Center for Birds of Prey, is located in Boise, spanning a 580-acre campus. The site features breeding and research facilities, an administrative office, interpretive center, research library, and archives.

Idaho Fun Fact

Idaho is known for heavy wine consumption, with reports showing that Idaho residents consume an average of 1.19 gallons per person a year (the average consumption in the United States is 0.44 gallons).