



2023 IDAHO LEGISLATIVE SESSION STATEHOUSE NEWS FOR IDAHO DAIRY INDUSTRY

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(current through H90 and S1044)

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The Idaho Legislature is currently convened in the First Regular Session of the 67th Idaho Legislature

The first month of Idaho's First Regular Session of the 67th Idaho Legislature is in the history books; we project there is minimally two months left. Legislation from both legislative bodies is slow trickling in. Currently there have been 49 Bills introduced in the House and 30 in the Senate.

Our main focus in the first month was preparing to introduce the Restricted Driver's License (RDL) legislation which we anticipate will be introduced the week of February 20th. Senator Guthrie, District 28, is the lead sponsor and this year he has gained additional Republican and Democratic co-sponsors. With the border security, or lack thereof, being played out in the media daily it is very difficult to garnish Republican support. Three Magic Valley Republicans have stood beside industry and our work force and are willing to be co-sponsors on the legislation. They are Senator Hartgen, District 25, Representative Greg Lanting, District 25, and Representative Jack Nelsen, District 26. In addition, we have gained Republican Senator Burtenshaw, District 31 and Republican Representative Melissa Durrant, District 23. On the Democratic side, Senator James Ruchi, District 29, Representative Chris Mathias, District 19, and Representative Ned Burns, District 26, are co-sponsors. **If you have any personal contacts with the legislators in your District, please reach out to them and ask them to not only support RDL, but to consider being a sponsor.** As every knows, the state is dominated by Republicans. In the Senate, there are 28 Republicans and 7 Democrats. In the House, there are 59 Republicans and 11 Democrats. This is a type of issue we can confidently say will be supported by all of the Democrats, which means we need 11 Senate Republicans, 25 House Republicans, and the Governor to support the legislation.

The Idaho Farm Bureau is extremely supportive of the legislation and has been working with us to contact all of the legislators to ask for their support. In addition, their membership at the County level has been meeting with Sheriffs and other local officials to explain the need for the legislation and why it is "Right for Idaho".

Following is some basic information on the legislation, beginning with the name change to "restricted driver's license". This change makes terminology more consistent with existing code and reduces the number of statutory amendments needed to implement.

Eligibility - Age 16 or older, domiciled in Idaho, Passes skills tests – written and practical, proof of identity (birth certificate, passport, consular ID card, etc.), all other Class D license requirements.

Obtaining a Restricted Driver's License - Make application, meet eligibility requirements, pay \$50 license fee, per 2-year term, may only be issued by ITD directly, or by its authorized issuing entities; a county may opt-in to be an authorized issuer.

Effect of Issuance - Issuance of RDL entitles licensee to same privileges as a Class D driver's license, valid for 2 years, renewable, not proof of lawful presence, not valid for official purposes such as voting purchasing a firearm, airport security, may not include the USA identifier, to be issued with vertical orientation, disclosure of RDL data will be subject to same rules and treatment as all other Class D licenses.

Included with this update is a one pager to help explain why this is "Right for Idaho". We also have included an attachment of listing supporting organizations, businesses and individuals. *If you would like to add your business or your dairy to the list, please just email Bob at bnaerebout@gmail.com.*

2024 Election Primary

The next election cycle begins in just 15 months. The goal of the IDI-PAC board is to go into the 2024 election cycle with approximately \$100,000, raising \$50,000 in 2023 and \$50,000 in 2024. We're off to a good start in 2023 with \$13,500 already raised. If you have contributed, that's fantastic, and thank you. If you have not yet contributed for 2023, please go to the end of the update to find information on submitting your contribution. We have different levels of support for business. For dairy producers we have a suggested per cow contribution.

Thank you,

Bob and David

STATUS OF LEGISLATION

The following is a current report and update of legislation monitored by the Idaho Dairy Industry PAC. Click on the hyperlinks to be directed to the Legislative website to read the legislation.

H12 – STATE GOVERNMENT: would prohibit all agencies of state government from donating to or sponsoring any nongovernmental event or organization, except where authorized by affirmative approval of the governor. Pending in House State Affairs. **IDI-PAC – OPPOSES. FOOD PRODUCERS – NO POSITION.**

H24 – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: establishes the Idaho LAUNCH program to provide graduating high school seniors with automatic go-on scholarship of \$8,500 over 2 years to attend an Idaho college, trade school, vocational, or career certificate program. Approved by House Education Committee with do pass recommendation, pending House floor vote. **IDI-PAC – SUPPORTS. FOOD PRODUCERS – SUPPORT and TRACK.**

S1010 – TRANSPORTATION: amends and clarifies existing law regarding slow moving vehicles that delay three or more vehicles, requiring to pull out at designated pull-out or where safe and reasonable to pull over. Passed out of Senate by vote of 35-0. Pending in House Transportation. **IDI-PAC – SUPPORTS. FOOD PRODUCERS – SUPPORT and TRACK.**

S1018 – FOOD: adds to Idaho law to prohibit use of human and animal feed and beverages if the food or beverage contains a vaccine or any "vaccine material", even where otherwise approved by the FDA. Pending in Senate Health and Welfare. **IDI-PAC – OPPOSES. FOOD PRODUCERS – OPPOSE and TRACK.**

S1036 – RAW MILK: amends raw milk statutes to eliminate cow sharing provisions, to allow raw milk use by owners and shared owners of cows; to require ISDA to administer program to permit raw milk sale and distributions; to provide penalties for those that sell or distribute raw milk to non-owners of the cow without a permit. Pending in Senate Agricultural Affairs. **IDI-PAC – NEUTRAL. FOOD PRODUCERS -- NO POSITION.**

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SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION:

- Processor - \$5,000
- Allied Industry - \$2,500
- Producer over 5,000 Cows - \$500
- Producer with 1,000 to 5,000 Cows - \$250
- Producer less than 1,000 Cows - \$100