

# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE



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## Idaho State Updates

On Monday, January 12, 2026, the Second Regular Session of the 68th Idaho Legislature convened. Legislation is being introduced quickly, with 361 bills currently presented in the House and 158 in the Senate.

### E-Verify Update

As reported in last week's newsletter, H 704 and H 700 passed the House. They were referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee, which is the appropriate jurisdiction for immigration related legislation. To date, those bills have not received a hearing and one of the committee members put out blog post with his strong opposition to E-Verify. [When Compliance Replaces Freedom - Brandon Shippy](#)

### Other Immigration Bills

- On Tuesday, the House Judiciary Committee rejected legislation that would have made it a felony to knowingly harbor, conceal, or provide aid to an undocumented person. The bill died on a 9-7 vote with concerns related to how this would impact churches, food banks, and law enforcement. This is the second year in a row this legislation has died in committee.
- On Friday, H 659 that would require counties to enter into 287g agreements, passed the House. 287g agreements are cooperative agreements between counties the federal government related to immigration enforcement. The bill was opposed by law enforcement because it would create financial burdens on local jurisdictions and pull resources away from local policing duties. The bill now heads to the Senate.

### Milk Testing Legislation Passes House

- On Friday the 27th, the House passed H 662 which would allow for a fair and transparent process for milk quality testing. Representative John VanerWoude carried the legislation which passed the House 67-0. The bill is now in the Senate Agriculture Committee.

### Betty's Bill Passes the Senate State Affairs Committee

- On Wednesday, Betty Grandy presented H 652 in Senate State Affairs alongside Senator Treg Bernt. H 652 would establish an official state sport for Idaho which would be hunting. Betty is the daughter Neill and Diana Grandy who are partners at Ceder Ridge Dairy.
- The Committee unanimously passed H 652 to the full Senate floor with a do pass recommendation after Betty's strong testimony. A special thanks to Representatives Don

Hall, Grayson Stone, Senator Bernt, and Governor Little for all their help making this possible. Next up, the Senate floor!



As always, if you have questions about the proposed legislation or would like to connect with your legislators to express your concerns or show support, please contact IDA. We are here to support you.

Thank you,

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## Status of Legislation

The following is a current report and update of all legislation monitored by IDA. Click on the hyperlinks to be directed to the Legislative website to read the legislation.

Bill #	IDA Position	House	Senate	Final
<a href="#">H0509 - Vehicle inspections</a>	Support	Transportation & Defense		
<a href="#">H526 - Cottage food operations</a>	Neutral	Passed 67-2-1	Referred to 14th Order	
<a href="#">H584 - Workers, lawful status</a>	Oppose	Business		
<a href="#">H652 - Hunting, state sport</a>	Support	Passed 63-0-7	3rd Reading	
<a href="#">H662 - Milk and cream testing</a>	Support	Passed 67-0-3	Agricultural Affairs	
<a href="#">H667 - Motor Vehicles</a>	Monitor	Passed 46-21-3	Transportation	
<a href="#">H700 - Aliens, unlawful employment</a>	Oppose	Passed 36-33-1	State Affairs	
<a href="#">H704 - Unauthorized workers</a>	Oppose	Passed 43-26-1	State Affairs	
<a href="#">S1224a - Slow moving vehicles</a>	Support	3rd Reading	Reported out without recommendation, as ammended	
<a href="#">S1247 - Idaho e-verify act</a>	Monitor	Business	Passed 27-7-1	
<a href="#">S1283 - Direct to consumer foods</a>	Neutral	Agricultural Affairs	Passed 32-3-0	
<a href="#">SCR117 - Water district 4</a>	Support	3rd Reading	Adopted - voice vote	
<a href="#">SCR118 - Water district 3</a>	Support	3rd Reading	Adopted 31-3-1	
<a href="#">SCR119 - Water district 2</a>	Support	Resources & Conservation	Adopted - voice vote	