

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE



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Idaho State Updates

E-Verify and Other Immigration Bills Remain in Senate

- IDA continues to monitor E-Verify legislation that would harm agriculture. H 704 and H 700 remain in the Senate State Affairs Committee. Stay tuned for more updates.

Betty's Bill is Now Law!

- As many of you have followed this session, a bright spot has been Cedar Ridge Dairy's very own Betty Grandy who has carried H 662. The bill creates an official state sport for Idaho which is now hunting.
- The bill is now law and in the coming weeks there will be a very special ceremony with Governor Little.

Milk Quality Testing Legislation Passes Senate and Signed Into Law

- On Tuesday, H 662 passed the Senate by a vote of 34-0. As a reminder, the legislation creates a fair process for milk quality testing related to all analytes. The legislation passed the House the previously by a vote of 67-0. IDA is grateful to Rep. John VanderWoude for carrying the legislation on the House side and Sen. Lori Den Hartog and Sen. Julie Van Orden for moving the bill on the Senate side. Governor Little signed the bill into law on Thursday.

Protein Bar Legislation Awaits House Consideration

- One of the IDA priorities this session was to help a coalition of food groups clarify what is allowed to be purchased in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Specifically related to dairy, protein bars were unintentionally excluded from the program after legislation passed in 2025 that banned candy and soda products from SNAP.
- Currently, two bills have been introduced to correct this oversight, and it is unclear if there are enough legislative days to move the legislation through the House and Senate. IDA will continue to work to advance the bills this year.
- IDA has been grateful of the work done by other interested groups such as the Idaho Retailers Association, National Grocers Association, International Dairy Foods Association, and the Intermountain Milk Processors Association.

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
H0509 - Vehicle inspections	Support	Transportation & Defense		
H526 - Cottage food operations	Neutral	Passed 67-2-1	Referred to 14th Order	
H584 - Workers, lawful status	Oppose	Business		
H652 - Hunting, state sport	Support	Passed 63-0-7	Passed 34-0-1	LAW
H662 - Milk and cream testing	Support	Passed 67-0-3	Passed 34-0-1	LAW
H667 - Motor Vehicles	Monitor	Passed 46-21-3	3rd Reading	
H700 - Aliens, unlawful employment	Oppose	Passed 36-33-1	State Affairs	
H704 - Unauthorized workers	Oppose	Passed 43-26-1	State Affairs	
H903 - SNAP candy and soda	Support	General Orders		
H938 - SNAP, candy and soda	Support	Health and Welfare		
S1224a - Slow moving vehicles	Support	Passed 68-0-2	Passed 35-0-0	Signed by President
S1247 - Idaho e-verify act	Monitor	Business	Passed 27-7-1	
S1283 - Direct to consumer foods	Neutral	Passed 56-12-2	Passed 32-3-0	LAW
SCR117 - Water district 4	Support	Adopted - Voice Vote	Adopted 56-11-3	ADOPTED
SCR118 - Water district 3	Support	Adopted 53-14-3	Adopted 31-3-1	ADOPTED
SCR119 - Water district 2	Support	Adopted - Voice Vote	Adopted - Voice Vote	ADOPTED