

2024 Food Producers of Idaho – Legislative Summary

67th Idaho Legislature, Second Session

✱ All Legislation that Food Producers of Idaho takes a position on will be tracked for the FP Scorecard.

Shading indicates Food Producers' latest action on legislation.

Bill #	Description	House	Senate	Final
H396✱ FP OPPOSE	Adds to existing law to establish provisions regarding the prohibition of mask mandates. <b>NOTE:</b> Food Producers of Idaho is opposed to H396 relating to mask mandates. The language in H396 would prohibit state facilities from requiring a face mask, face shield or face covering as a condition of entry or employment, regardless of the reason for the requirement (i.e. even if unrelated to preventing spread of an infectious disease). This would place undue health and safety risks upon our university research labs and state-operated diagnostic and testing labs. In addition, it would create conflict with state inspectors entering private manufacturing facilities where safety protocols are in place to prevent contamination of food products.	State Affairs		
H403a✱ FP SUPPORT	Amends existing law to establish provisions regarding a reduction in the number of supervisors and to revise provisions regarding terms of office, the filling of vacancies, and quorums.	2/14 54-13-3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	
H412✱ FP SUPPORT	Amends existing law to provide for the use of technology and procedures to allow vehicles that meet established criteria to lawfully bypass a port of entry. <b>NOTE:</b> H412 aids agriculture by allowing trucks to stay on the road using technology such as in-road scales and license plate scanners to check for registration and permits. This will prevent wasted fuel from having to idle at the port and accelerate to leave. More importantly time will be saved as trucks can be stalled at ports from bottlenecks from every truck having to stop. With this bill, commodities will stay on the road and drivers can get the product farther, quicker.	2/5 70-0-0	2/29 35-0-0	To Governor
H414✱ FP SUPPORT	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding commercial driver's license permit fees, eligibility, and renewal. <b>NOTE:</b> H414 will benefit commercial and non-commercial drivers through a reduction of renewal fees and administrative requirements. Farmers, ranchers, and processors who employ CDL holders will benefit significantly from decreased renewal costs and administrative requirements by extending the CDL validity from four to eight years.	2/5 69-1-0	2/29 35-0-0	To Governor
H416✱ FP OPPOSE	Adds to existing law to prohibit the state government and its employees from paying membership fees or dues. <b>NOTE:</b> H416 would significantly limit the ability of commodity boards or commissions to use their grower funds to fulfill their legislative mandate to research, educate, protect, and promote Idaho's numerous commodities.	General Orders		
H463✱ FP OPPOSE (see H603)	Adds to existing law to prohibit state agencies from donating to or sponsoring a nongovernmental event or organization and to provide exceptions.	State Affairs		
H467✱ FP SUPPORT	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding certain special assessments.	2/16 65-5-0	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	
H468✱ FP SUPPORT	Adds to existing law to establish the Rangeland Improvement Act.	2/22 58-9-3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	
H472✱ FP SUPPORT	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the inspection of private premises.	2/15 66-1-3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	
H473✱ FP SUPPORT (see H608)	Adds to existing law to provide for agricultural protection areas.	Local Gov't		
H474✱ FP SUPPORT	Adds to existing law to provide for false reports of damage claims related to pesticides and chemigation	2/15 66-1-3	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	
H485✱ FP SUPPORT	Adds to existing law to provide for compensation for depredation of livestock by grizzly bear and wolves.	Resource & Conserv		
H510✱ FP OPPOSE	Adds to existing law to establish certain requirements for employers to verify the lawful status of workers.	Comm & HuRes		
H521✱ FP SUPPORT (SENATE ONLY)	Amends, repeals, and adds to existing law to revise provisions regarding tax rates, school facilities funding, and school district bond and tax levy elections.	2/23 61-6-3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	
H549✱ FP SUPPORT	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding pesticide and chemigation applicators and licensing, chemical suppliers, and inspections.	2/26 66-0-4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	
H562✱ FP SUPPORT <i>Abstained: Idaho Potato Comm.</i> (see H626)	Amends existing law to provide for a scope of review for Administrative Procedures Act	State Affairs		
H563✱ FP OPPOSE	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding adoption of a temporary rule and regarding legislative review of incorporated material, to provide that an agency shall make incorporated material available on its website, and to require the periodic review of administrative rules.	2/26 50-16-4	State Affairs	
H592✱ FP SUPPORT	Adds to existing law to provide for compensation for depredation of livestock by grizzly bear and wolves.	2/27 56-12-2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	
H603✱ FP OPPOSE	Adds to existing law to prohibit state agencies from donating to or sponsoring a nongovernmental event or organization and to provide exceptions.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading		
H608✱ FP SUPPORT	Adds to existing law to provide for agricultural protection areas.	3/4 68-0-2	Local Gov't	
H612✱ FP SUPPORT	Amends existing law to provide for compensation and a procedure dealing with the Wolf Depredation Control Board.	2/28 67-0-3	Res & Environ	
H625	Amends existing law to revise a provision regarding the function of the Board of Equalization on assessments, to provide that the burden of proof shall fall upon the Board of Equalization in certain instances, and to revise provisions regarding an appeal from the Board of Equalization.	Revenue & Tax		
H626✱ FP SUPPORT	Amends existing law to provide for a scope of review for Administrative Procedures Act	State Affairs		
H653✱ FP SUPPORT	Adds to existing law to provide for warning labels on pesticides	Business		
HJM6✱ FP SUPPORT	States findings of the Legislature and opposes the Bureau of Land Management's proposed rule entitled "Conservation and Landscape Health.	3/1 57-10-3	Res & Environ	
HJM8✱ FP OPPOSE (see HJM11)	States findings of the Legislature and calls on Congress to impeach the President and to prioritize laws tightening border security and immigration.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading		
HJM9✱ FP OPPOSE	States findings of the Legislature and recommends to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that flows of the Snake River at and below Hells Canyon Dam be maintained at a minimum of 8500 CFS from May 15 to October	Resource & Conserv		
HJM11✱ FP OPPOSE	States findings of the Legislature and calls on Congress to impeach the President and to prioritize laws tightening border security and immigration.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading		
S1230	Amends existing law to authorize an importer of wine to ship directly to a retailer.		State Affairs	

S1245* FP SUPPORT See H653	Adds to existing law to allow certain labels to satisfy any requirements for a warning regarding health or safety or any other provision or doctrine of state law. <b>NOTE:</b> This legislation protects the agricultural pesticide products our farmers and ranchers depend upon from litigation based on "failure to warn." The legislation does not preclude lawsuits from being filed, rather it removes the "failure to warn" claim as justification because under the laws of the state of Idaho, the pesticide label, or most recent human health assessment under FIFRA, or carcinogenicity classification by the EPA would satisfy all warnings for health and safety.		2/15 15-19-1 <b>FAILED</b>	
S1258	Amends existing law to establish requirements regarding the vacation of public rights-of-way that furnish access to state or federal public lands or waters.	Transport	2/14 33-2-0	
S1283* FP SUPPORT	Amends the definition of "employee" for the purposes of PERSI enrollment to exclude seasonal employees of soil and water conservation districts in positions that do not exceed eight consecutive months in a calendar year	Comm & Human Resources	2/29 35-0-0	
S1292* FP SUPPORT	Removes the responsibility of the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal representation to the Idaho Department of Lands and allows the Department to hire or contract its own legal counsel.	Resource & Conserv	2/29 32-3-0	
S1322* FP SUPPORT	Amends and adds to existing law to provide requirements for launch and transport of conveyances and to provide that a portion of annual revenue deposited in the invasive species fund may be made available to counties, cities, and other local entities for certain equipment and supplies.	Resource & Conserv	2/27 25-9-1	
S1337a* FP SUPPORT	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding irrigation district lands. <b>NOTE:</b> Irrigation districts deliver water to farms and ranches throughout Idaho. S1337 provides flexibility in the collection of delinquent assessments for irrigation districts.		3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	
S1339* FP SUPPORT	Amends, repeals, and adds to existing law regarding irrigation and drainage rights-of-way. <b>NOTE:</b> Ditches, including the associated easements, are necessary for the delivery of water to Idaho's farms and ranches. S1339 ensures that ditch owners can restore a ditch that has been moved or piped, without permission.	Resource & Conserv	2/27 35-0-0	
S1341* FP SUPPORT	Adds to existing law to establish provisions regarding common ground water supply for the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. <b>NOTE:</b> Ongoing administration of water rights along the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (ESPA) impacts Idaho ag. S1341 authorizes the IDWR Director to administer water rights based on the most current science and provides for notice and a hearing before incorporating tributaries into ESPA administration.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	2/26 35-0-0	
S1370* FP SUPPORT	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the delivery of water within subdivisions and certain civil actions and to provide for consideration of ground water when amending, repealing, or adopting a comprehensive plan.		Local Gov't	
SJM102* FP SUPPORT	States findings of the Legislature & requests the President of the United States & the Senate & the House of Representatives of the United States take action to secure the border, to stop illegal immigration, & to adopt & implement targeted immigration reform	Ag Affairs	2/20 30-4-1	
SJM103* FP SUPPORT	States findings of the Legislature and opposes the removal or breaching of the dams on the Columbia-Snake River system and its tributaries. <b>NOTE:</b> Idaho ag relies on the affordable power generation and access to world markets made possible by the dams along the Columbia and Lower Snake River. SJM103 expresses legislative support of this system, including opposing breaching of the Lower Snake River Dams.	Resource & Conserv	2/26 29-5-1	
SCR111* FP SUPPORT	Authorizes the State Board of Education to commence preliminary conversations with the state of Utah to establish an operating agreement for Idaho students to participate in Utah's veterinary program.	Ag Affairs	Adopted Voice Vote	
S1372* FP SUPPORT	FP supports the Idaho State Department of Agriculture FY 25 budget request for a Veterinary Medical Officer (\$215,000); Dairy Inspectors (\$284,600); Seed Lab Personnel (\$88,800); Idaho Preferred Operating Enhancement (\$67,500); Storage Building Construction (\$1,500,000); International Trade Support with Japan (\$60,000); Resilient Food Systems Grant (\$6,184,900); CEC for Fruits & Vegetables Inspectors (\$94,500); Honey Commission Increase (\$5,700); Grazing Improvement Project (\$500,000); and Quagga Mussel Resources (\$6,569,900).	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	2/29 23-10-2	
S1373 Budget* FP SUPPORT	FP supports the Governor's FY25 budget request for \$1,000,000 for the Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA) administered by the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC). The WQPA is an effective and successful grant program that provides financial assistance to locally led organizations to implement agricultural best management practices and watershed improvement projects.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading	2/29 23-10-2	
S1411* FP SUPPORT	FP supports the Governor's FY25 budget request of \$30 million for the water infrastructure projects. These funds are used to address water challenges throughout Idaho. Projects include aging infrastructure repair, Boise River water delivery improvements including telemetry, replacement of diversion structures, recharge on the Eastern Snake Plain, and water supply projects in Lewiston. Importantly, the value of the projects completed using these funds has far exceeded the money provided by the legislature. For example, the \$25 million in aging infrastructure grants made available following the 2023 appropriation have been used to help fund projects valuing well over \$75 million. The \$30 million line item for water infrastructure projects will continue the long-standing support of Idaho's legislature in ensuring that our water infrastructure can continue serving the citizens of this state for future generations.	Approp.	Finance	
S1412* FP SUPPORT	FP supports the CAFO Improvement Fund as it has been very successful the past two years. It is controlled by a committee of seven, with four coming from the beef and dairy industries. There have been 68 applications made requesting over \$26 million in grant funding. The committee has been able to award 27 projects, totally utilizing the state's \$10 million in appropriations, and the beef and dairy producers have matched the states money with \$28 million of their own dollars. The Gem State Air Quality Initiative would provide federally funded grants for voluntary, non-regulating pollution reduction projects in Idaho with direct and measurable impacts. Project areas include supporting the use of agriculture practices that improve soil health and sequester carbon, manure and feed management for livestock, and energy efficiency upgrades to facilities in the dairy and food processing sectors.	Approp.	Finance	
Workforce Develop Council Budget* FP SUPPORT <i>Abstained: Idaho Farm Bureau</i>	FP supports the Governor's FY 25 recommendation of \$75 million for full funding of the Launch Program. There are 31 in demand occupations supporting the agriculture industry and 138 programs that support the agricultural industry. At the current time there are 1,165 contingent Launch awards to students who are seeking occupations that support the agriculture industry.	Approp.	Finance	
U of I CALS (ARES) Budget* FP SUPPORT	FP supports the Governor's FY 25 recommendation of \$37,188,400 for full funding of the Idaho Agricultural Research and Extension (ARES) maintenance budget administered by the U of I College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in addition to the governor's recommendations for the following ongoing enhancements to the ARES budget; Parma Occupancy Cost (\$232,600) to operate and maintain the new research laboratory at the Parma R&E Center; 2 FTE Extension Specialists (\$325,100) including 1) an agricultural engineer with a focus on irrigation and water management systems and 2) a forestry operations specialist to provide research-based expertise in forest management, business planning, safety and training to members of Idaho's \$3 billion timber industry; and a one-time reappropriation authority for federal ARPA funds (\$142,000) to continue the delivery of resources to bridge Idaho's digital divide in rural communities statewide via the Digital Economy Program.	Approp.	Finance	