

2025 Food Producers of Idaho – Legislative Summary

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* 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.

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Bill #	Description	House	Senate	Final
H11	Adds to existing law to provide for crimes regarding illegal entry into this state, to provide for an order to return to a foreign nation, and to provide for civil immunity for and indemnification of local government and state officials, employees, and contractors regarding immigration.	State Affairs		
*H12 FP OPPOSES	Amends and adds to existing law to revise provisions regarding who may own certain property, to provide for prohibition on lease or purchase of certain land or dwellings, and to provide for prohibition on access to state assets.	State Affairs		
H24	This bill establishes labeling requirements for alternative animal protein products sold in Idaho, such as lab-grown meat and insect-based proteins. It mandates clear front-of-package disclosures, specifies ingredient listing standards, and outlines penalties for non-compliance, with enforcement managed by the Idaho Department of Agriculture.	Agriculture Affairs		
H63 See H221	Amends and adds to existing law to revise provisions regarding who may own certain property, to provide for prohibition on lease or purchase of certain land or dwellings, and to provide for prohibition on access to state assets.	State Affairs		
*H82 FP SUPPORT	Change terminology to make it more consistent with language used by responsible investigators. It also provides a third avenue of payment for those impacted by Wolf/Grizzly depredation.	2/18 56-14-0	3/13 32-0-3	LAW 3/19/25
*H83a FP SUPPORTS Track Senate Only	Adds to existing law to provide for the Immigration Cooperation and Enforcement Act.	2/10 61-9-0 3/19 61-9-0	3/11 29-6-0	LAW 3/27/25
*H104 FP SUPPORTS	Creates a unified and singular definition for "Agricultural Buildings" across all local jurisdictions.	2/11 70-0-0	3/6 35-0-0	LAW 7/1/25
H109a	This legislation would require the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare to request a waiver from the federal government to be able to exclude candy and soda from SNAP eligible foods. Food stamps are currently fueling the junk food epidemic, with soda ranking as the number one commodity bought with food stamps. Taxpayers are funding a growing health crisis, including childhood obesity. Banning soda and candy from food stamps would prioritize health and nutrition while also reducing taxpayer's out-of-control Medicaid costs. Make Idaho Healthy Again!	3/3 38-32-0 3/31 48-20-2	3/25 25-10-0	LAW 7/1/25
*H135 FP OPPOSES Track Senate Only	This legislation addresses benefits currently available to illegal aliens who come to Idaho. This bill leaves in place access to emergency medical services for illegal aliens currently authorized by the Idaho Code. The bill removes non-emergency health care benefits and some social benefits. The purpose of this legislation is to cause Idaho to not be a magnet that draws illegal aliens to Idaho.	3/17 46-22-2	4/1 26-9-0	LAW 7/1/25
*H155 FP SUPPORTS	This legislation creates a penalty for impeding and trespassing related to strategic facilities. The bill includes provisions for misdemeanor and felony charges based on the circumstances of the action. Misdemeanor impeding: For individuals who plead or are found guilty, sentencing may include up to six months in jail and a fine up to \$10,000. Felony impeding: For individuals who plead or are found guilty if damages are more than \$10,000, sentencing includes up to two years in a state penitentiary and a fine up to \$100,000 (not to exceed the damage or economic loss). Misdemeanor trespassing: For individuals who plead or are found guilty for the first time, sentencing may include up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. Felony trespassing: For any person who pleads or is found guilty of trespassing for a second time within five years, it qualifies as a felony with a sentence of up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$20,000. A separate fine of up to \$100,000 exists for an individual or organization that solicits impeding or trespassing of strategic facilities. This legislation does not limit any activities protected under the U.S. or Idaho Constitutions.	Judiciary Rules		
*H173 FP SUPPORTS	This legislation changes the Alfalfa Seed and Clover Seed Commission from six members to seven members. The proposed commission will be made up of five alfalfa seed and clover grower members, one member from the University of Idaho College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and one alfalfa and clover dealer member. It also raises the assessment from 0.25 cents to one cent (\$0.01).	2/26 39-29-2	3/17 24-11-0	LAW 7/1/25
*H203 FP OPPOSES	This bill updates and modernizes Chapter 1 (Idaho Competition Act), Title 48 (Monopolies and Trade Practices), with a new section, 48-119, to address the growing threat to consumers and competitive markets from coordinated price fixing through the use of pricing algorithms and artificial intelligence.	Business		

*H217 FP OPPOSES ID Farm Bureau Abstains	Amending the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act to sunset Administrative Rules on an 8 year schedule beginning July 1, 2026. Additionally, an agency intending to renew a rule chapter must prepare a statement justifying the benefits versus costs, including the cost of the agency to monitor and enforce the rule.	State Affairs		
*H218 FP OPPOSES ID Farm Bureau Abstains	Adding a new section regarding the expiration of rulemaking authority of agencies. On or after July 1, 2025 agencies must promulgate rules within 10 years of the applicable statute's (or regulation's) becoming law. After 10 years from July 1, 2025, agencies have 2 years, where the statute confers rulemaking.	State Affairs		
*H221 FP OPPOSES ID Cattle Assn & Idaho Wool Growers Abstained	This legislation expands on current code where foreign governments are prohibited from purchasing any Idaho forest land, in addition to the already prohibition in purchasing agricultural land, water rights, mining claims or mineral rights. Any foreign adversary is also under the same prohibitions, but under this legislation, the foreign adversary that owns any of these agricultural lands, mining claims or mineral rights must sell within 180 days of notice. If they do not sell, the land or mining claims or mineral rights will be sold by judicial foreclosure. Also, no foreign adversary may purchase or lease any property within the certain geographic boundaries to establish secure military operations areas.	State Affairs		
*H223 FP OPPOSES ID Farm Bureau Abstains	Amending the Code regarding Legislative Review of Administrative Rules to require concurrent resolution when rejecting an existing (final) rule, setting the termination time of June 30th of the year the rule is rejected. Additionally, allows the expiration of temporary, or fee and non-fee rules to be stated in the concurrent resolution as an alternative to sine die.	2/24 62-5-3	State Affairs	
*H252 FP OPPOSES	This legislation adds to Idaho employment law to prohibit employment of illegal aliens and require employers to E-Verify each new hire's legal employment status as a condition of employment.	State Affairs		
*H253a FP SUPPORTS	The purpose of this legislation is to allow state and local governments additional time to respond to requests for public records from nonresidents, and to allow a different fee schedule to fulfill nonresident fee requests. Non resident public records requests would need to be fulfilled within 30 days, subject to extension for unusual or exigent circumstances. The fee schedule for nonresident record requests would be allowed to be commensurate with actual costs of the agency from start to finish of request fulfillment.	3/3 41-29-0 4/3 45-24-1	4/1 25-9-1	LAW 7/1/25
*H269 FP OPPOSES ID Farm Bureau Abstains	This bill amends Senate bill 1167 passed in 2023. It brings down the sunset of section 72-1204 and 72-1205 of Idaho code and will take effect on July, 1 2025. It repeals section 72-1206 of Idaho code and also amends section 63-3638 of Idaho code and will take effect on June, 30 2026. This removes In-Demand Careers Fund Language; the bill deletes any language related to the In-Demand Careers Fund from the sales tax distribution provisions, ensuring that tax revenue allocations are no longer tied to a fund that no longer exists.	Comm & Hum Res		
H302	This legislation ensures transparency and public participation in the process of transplanting and relocating wildlife. It also protects private property rights by allowing landowners and public lands grazing permittees to be notified of proposed transplant and relocation efforts by the Department of Fish and Game. In the event of a transplant or relocation project, the director would be required to notify county commissioners in the county for which the project is to take place, as well as any affected landowners or public grazing permittees in the area of transplant or relocation. Upon written objection by any affected landowners or permittees, the county commission would conduct a hearing and at said hearing the commissioners would vote to approve, modify, or reject the project.	Res & Cons		
H303	The purpose of this legislation is to clarify when a U.S. manufacturer or seller of a product that is used in growing food and fiber meets its common law duty to warn consumers or the public and sets criteria for legal recourse.	Ag Affairs		
H335	Adds to existing law to establish provisions regarding the concealing, harboring, and shielding of aliens.	Judiciary & Rules		
H343 FP MONITOR	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding compensation and benefits of local boards.	Local Gov't		
H344	Amends existing law to revise provisions regarding the length and scope of a declaration of emergency by the governor.	State Affairs		
*H374 FP SUPPORT Track Senate Only	APPROPRIATIONS – AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SERVICE – Relates to the appropriation to the Agricultural Research and Extension Service FY2026	3/11 42-27-1	3/17 26-9-0	LAW 7/1/25
*H382 FP OPPOSES	Adds to existing law to establish provisions regarding student immigration status and nationality in Idaho public educational institutions	Education		

H395a	This legislation provides that entities which need more than 10 megawatts of power from a service provider such as a utility must pay the full cost of the energy generated. If an entity chooses it may directly contract or otherwise obtain energy from a third party. The intent of this legislation is to ensure that those entities that cause additional energy to be required, pay for that energy. Thus, customers of the service provider are not burdened with rate increases or expense since the cost of the new generation is allocated solely to the entity which caused the need for the new generation.	3/26 62-8-0	State Affairs	
*HJM4 FP SUPPORTS	A memorial calling for an end to listing grizzly bears in the lower 48 states as an endangered species and returning management to the states. The increase in grizzly populations exists alongside a proven track record of state agencies demonstrating the skill and ability to conserve and manage this population. The recent proposal by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ignores the success of the state-level action and attempts to extend the region under management and maintain the federal government's control. Based on all the available data, the memorial calls for delisting grizzlies, returning management to the states, and a review of the Endangered Species Act.	2/28 ADOPTED Voice Vote	3/12 ADOPTED Voice Vote	Secret'y of State ADOPTED
*HJM6 FP SUPPORTS	States findings of the Legislature and calls on Congress to amend the Equal Access to Justice Act.	2/28 ADOPTED Voice Vote	3/20 ADOPTED Voice Vote	Secret'y Of State ADOPTED
*S1011 FP SUPPORTS	Establishes the requirement that at least one member of a Winter Feeding Advisory Committee be an agricultural producer. It also establishes the requirement that all members reside in the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's district where the committee is formed.	3/14 66-0-4	2/21 33-0-2	LAW 7/1/25
*S1012 FP SUPPORTS	Amends and adds to existing law to establish the Idaho Depredating Wildlife Appeals Board and to exempt the board from open meeting requirements.	3/7 65-3-2	2/24 34-0-1	LAW 7/1/25
*S1013 FP SUPPORTS	Amends existing law to provide for trapping education and licensing	3/7 68-0-2	2/24 35-0-0	LAW 7/1/25
*S1016 FP SUPPORTS	Amends and adds to existing law to revise provisions regarding certain fees. S1016 adjusts statutory fee caps within several sections of Title 25 Chapter 11 and 33 Idaho Code, and to add language clarifying the Brand Board's ability and process of regulating fees under the statutory caps. Secondly, the legislation introduces language within 25-1161 i.c. allowing the Board to retain interest accrued on the Board's dedicate State Brand Board Account.	3/17 44-22-4	2/21 26-7-2	LAW 7/1/25
*S1033 FP SUPPORTS	Idaho Right to Farm Act protects agriculture as one of the foundations of our economy and the Idaho way of life. The Act protects lawfully conducted agricultural operations but lacks the practical protections for meritless lawsuits or complaints. This legislation provides that if a lawsuit alleging nuisance is filed against a lawfully conducted agricultural operation and the agriculture operator prevails, then they are entitled to recover their attorney's fees. It also provides fines and penalties for filing multiple meritless complaints with applicable state and local agencies.	3/17 64-2-4	2/21 33-0-2	LAW 7/1/25
*S1041 FP SUPPORTS	This legislation amends Idaho Code § 42-909 to include "canal company or other irrigation entity" in the list of authorized entities and to make the appointment of a manager of distributing lateral by irrigation entities optional.	3/7 67-1-2	2/18 35-0-0	LAW 7/1/25
*S1053 FP SUPPORTS ID Grain Prod. Abstained	Clarifies that private landowners are responsible for building and maintaining fences bordering federal land when the private landowner wants to prevent livestock from entering their land from federal land.	Held at the desk	2/28 35-0-0	
*S1054 FP SUPPORT	Over the past few years, costs have increased in the bean industry in Idaho along with a decrease in bean acres grown in Idaho. The Idaho Bean Commission (IBC) has less than a year's worth of reserves as a result. This legislation updates certain obsolete and outdated portions of the IBC's statute as well as increases the assessment amount so IBC may meet the statutory charge of the agency. The IBC has not increased their assessment since 1992.	3/17 36-30-4	3/3 21-13-1	LAW 7/1/25
*S1061 FP SUPPORTS	This legislation adds to the appeals process that affected persons would have concerning methodology in rules for conjunctive management of surface and ground water resources. A date certain is also placed in statute for a final methodology order issued from the Director.	3/14 65-0-5	2/25 34-0-1	LAW 7/1/25
S1064a	This bill adds definitions and seeks to enhance transparency and accountability in Idaho's cloud seeding operations by requiring the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) to publish annual reports detailing: Operational date, Environmental Impact, Public Engagement, Effectiveness Metrics and practices. By requiring these disclosures, this bill aims to ensure that cloud seeding operations are conducted responsibly, with due consideration for general impacts, public involvement, and legislative oversight.	Res & Consv	3/20 34-0-1	
*S1082 FP SUPPORTS	This legislation amends Idaho Code § 43-706 to clarify that liens for irrigation assessments have a first priority on the property assessed. This amendment will align Section 43-706 with Sections 42-906, 42-2201, and 42-5240, which all place water delivery liens in a first priority position.	3/17 66-0-4	3/3 34-0-1	LAW 7/1/25

*S1083a FP SUPPORTS	This legislation amends Idaho Code regarding Domestic Use Exemption and the use of water in subdivisions. Specifically, the legislation: 1. Amends section 42-111 to allow multiple exempt domestic uses to be combined into a single well. This only applies to in-home water use. 2. Amends section 42-227 to provide that, in subdivisions within an area that has been designated as a Ground Water Management Area, Critical Ground Water Area, or Moratorium Area, the Domestic Use Exemption will only apply to in-home or stock watering purposes. All other uses, including irrigation, will require an Application for Permit. 3. Creates section 42-1701B to provide a streamlined process for ensuring compliance with domestic use exemption requirements. 4. Amends section 31-3805 to require that community wells within municipal service areas or areas of impact be compatible with the municipal system and that surface water be used for irrigation when available.	3/14 63-2-5	3/5 32-1-2	LAW 7/1/25
*S1086 FP SUPPORTS	The purpose of this legislation is to clarify in Idaho Code that when the government or a landowner allows recreational use of land subject to terms or limitations, and gives notice of those terms, and a recreationist acts contrary to the terms of that permission, then the recreationist shall be considered in criminal trespass. The penalties shall be the same as those for criminal trespass.	Res & Conserv	2/25 18-16-1	
S1115	Adds to existing law to provide for studies regarding efficient and safe highway linkages.		Transport	
*S1128 FP SUPPORTS	This legislation calls for an additional \$30 million in ongoing investments for water infrastructure. These funds will continue a statewide approach to responsible water management that maintains and secures Idaho's water. Projects include but are not limited to aquifer recharge, groundwater management, development and rehabilitation of water storage and conveyance system, water supply and delivery improvements, and emergency water infrastructure repairs. No more than 50% of the funds may be used in one of the four water board districts unless there are no competing applications in other districts during the fiscal year. Annual reports to the Governor and Legislature are required, and funds may be combined with other sources to leverage additional funding.	Res & Consv	3/3 24-10-1	
*S1133a FP SUPPORTS	Amends, repeals, and adds to existing law to revise the Agricultural Protection Area Act.	3/25 50-18-2	3/14 27-7-1	LAW 3/31/2025
S1149a	This bill amends Idaho Code Section § 55-103 by adding a new subsection (4). Currently Idaho Code Section § 55-103 prohibits a foreign government or foreign state-controlled enterprise from owning agricultural land, forest land, water rights, mining claims, or mineral rights in the State of Idaho. However the current statute does not provide a framework for what happens if a foreign government or foreign state-controlled enterprise does own a prohibited property right. This bill creates a framework for the divestiture of the foreign government's ownership by allowing the Attorney General to petition an Idaho Court for a receivership allowing the State to seize and sell the foreign governments prohibited property right. The foreign government or foreign state-controlled enterprise would receive no proceeds from such sale.	3/28 68-0-2	3/14 32-3-0	LAW 7/1/2025
*S1150 FP SUPPORT Track House Only	Relates to the appropriation to the Department of Agriculture and the Soil and Water Conservation Commission for fiscal years 2025 and 2026.	3/14 38-28-4	3/10 22-13-0	LAW 3/19/25 Sect 2 7/1/25 Other Sects
*SJM101 FP SUPPORTS	This Joint Memorial urges federal and state agencies to study and develop additional water storage solutions for Idaho, including the potential reconstruction of the Teton Dam. The goal is to ensure long-term water security for agriculture, communities, and economic growth in the state. The memorial calls on the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and other agencies to work together in updating previous studies and exploring new water storage projects. These efforts will help Idaho address drought conditions, population growth, and future water demands while also supporting hydropower production and recreational opportunities.	3/20 ADOPTED Voice Vote	2/25 ADOPTED Voice Vote	Secret'y Signed ADOPTED