



REPUBLICAN UPDATE FROM THE IDAHO LEGISLATURE

The latest from your state lawmakers

Tax relief, education, cutting red tape, and more - we're filling you in on what's been happening this week in the state Legislature.

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Regulatory Reform panel holds first meeting

On Tuesday the Regulatory Reform Joint Subcommittee held its first meeting. Members gathered to set the parameters for future meetings, and it was decided that the State Board of Pharmacy, which is already doing great work to cut red tape and unnecessary regulations, will give a presentation at next week's hearing. During session hearings are scheduled for every Tuesday afternoon.



Schools budget moves ahead

As part of the multi-year push to reform and improve Idaho's education system, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee this week approved a schools budget. It includes a 5.9 percent, \$100 million increase, with investments in teacher compensation (to make sure we retain and attract quality teachers) and technology.

You can watch a brief Q&A with Rep. Wendy Horman of Idaho Falls [here](#), and listen to an interview with her [here](#). Rep. Horman is working with other legislators to make our schools system the best it can be for Idaho students.



Bills & Issues of note

- The Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee passed the comprehensive tax-out [bill](#) Wednesday; it now heads to the Senate floor. The House has approved it. Republican members differ on what exact form tax relief should take, but they agree that the most fiscally responsible thing to do is let taxpayers keep more of their money. You'll hear more on this important topic next week.
- Today the House Education Committee heard testimony on a [bill](#) to create a scholarship account for low-income and other needy students who wish to attend private school. You can read on op-ed in favor of the bill [here](#).
- [Legislation](#) to increase penalties for those who threaten school violence had a hearing this week in the House Judiciary Committee.
- The full House approved a [bill](#) exempting breastfeeding mothers from state obscenity and indecent exposure laws.
- A [bill](#) creating a new pilot project to provide temporary primary healthcare to low-income Idahoans who agree to attend financial literacy or health coaching courses cleared the full Senate.
- Certain driving infractions, such as driving with an expired license or a suspended license under certain circumstances, would get reduced penalties in a [bill](#) before the House Judiciary Committee.



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