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Research and Legislation Division Update

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RESEARCH & LEGISLATION DIVISION

What we did over the summer.

If you look at our mission on our website, you will see:

- Research and Legislation is the section of the nonpartisan Legislative Services Office that conducts research for legislators, drafts legislation, staffs legislative study committees, reviews administrative agency rules, and provides information on the legislative process and legislative history to the public and other state agencies. In addition to processing legislation, the staff tracks and publishes records of all action taken on introduced bills. After each session of the Legislature adjourns, staff prepares *Session Laws* for publication and proofs the ensuing Idaho Code Supplements for accuracy. The staff librarian maintains an extensive collection of materials in the Legislative Reference Library to assist both legislators and staff with research.

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“drafts legislation….”

- 161 pieces of legislation have been drafted by our 5 legislative drafting attorneys since July 1, 2018.
- State agency legislation makes up about 25% of that number, with the rest attributable to requests from members and interim committees.

“drafts legislation….”

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  Occupational Licensing
  State Employee Insurance and Retirement (PERSI)
  Transportation

“staffs legislative study committees”

There were 23 meetings held by the 8 committees we staffed.

2018 Interim Committees

- Campaign Finance Reform Interim Committee
- Capitol Services Committee
- Commercial and Farm Vehicles Registration and Operating Fees Committee
- Criminal Justice Reinvestment Oversight Committee
- Idaho Council on Indian Affairs
- Natural Resources Interim Committee
- Occupational Licensing and Certification Laws Committee
- Public School Funding Formula Committee
- State Employee Group Insurance & Benefits Committee

2018 Special Committees

- Citizens’ Committee on Legislative Compensation
- Regulatory Reform Joint Subcommittee
- Respectful Workplace Task Force Committee

“reviews administrative agency rules”

- We have received about 250 rule dockets since the end of the legislative session so far.
- Of these, approximately 46 dockets were temporary rules, and
- 204 dockets were proposed rules or proclamations for which we wrote analyses.

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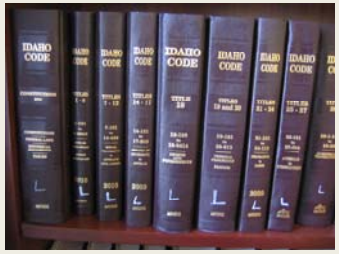
- Since the end of session, our administrative staff in Research and Legislation have worked to prepare and publish the Final Bill Status publication, in addition to helping with interim committees and the processing of administrative rules from state agencies.

- Our editors and proofreaders have worked on preparing and proofreading the Idaho Session Laws, and they also have been working with Lexis, the publishing company for the Idaho Code, to ensure that the Idaho Code supplements contain no errors. They also work with Lexis to compare our code database with the Lexis Idaho Code database, and if any discrepancies are found, they work to resolve the issues.



… and that’s what we did this summer.

- The end.