

IEHA Business Luncheon & Meeting to be held March 20th during conference.

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Business Meeting

The IEHA Business Meeting and Luncheon will be taking place March 20th during the Conference. Full conference registration will include the business luncheon. If you only plan on attending the luncheon, you will need to register so we plan for the proper amount of seating and meals. This can be done through the [website registration](#) and will cost \$15.

We will be voting on new board members this year. Currently each of the posts are running unopposed. If you would like to run, please contact [Jami Delmore](#).

President-elect: Tyler Fortunati

Secretary-Treasure: Ken Keller

Area A Representative: Nancy Becker

Area B Representative: Brigitta Gruenberg

Area C Representative: Heidi Cranney

Legislative Updates

The Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) was signed into law in 2011 and will be overseen by the Food & Drug Administration. The

below "joint memorials" concern the Idaho legislature requesting the FDA to suspend the implementation of these rules until a new impact study can be conducted. The wording and status on if the legislature will move forward with these requests to the FDA are listed below.

HJM007 by STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT - Stating findings of the Legislature and opposing the adoption of any numeric water quality standard for irrigation under the Food Safety Modernization Act and urging the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration to suspend the imposition of rules to implement the Food Safety Modernization Act and to conduct a national review of the impact of all current and future FSMA rules until such time as a clear understanding of their impact can be determined.

02/18 Introduced, read first time, referred to JRA for Printing

02/19 Reported Printed and Referred to State Affairs

HJM005 by AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

FOOD SAFETY MODERNIZATION ACT - Stating findings of the Legislature and urging the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration to suspend the imposition of rules to implement the Food Safety Modernization Act and to conduct a national review of the impact of the Produce and Transportation Rules and all future FSMA rules until such time as a clear understanding of their impact can be determined.

02/07 Introduced, read first time, referred to JRA for Printing

02/10 Reported Printed and Referred to Agricultural Affairs

HJM004 by AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

PRODUCE RULE - WATER QUALITY STANDARDS - Stating findings of the Legislature opposing the FDA's proposed Produce Rule or the adoption of any numeric water quality standard for irrigation water and supporting the enactment of legislation by Congress to prohibit the FDA from adopting the proposed Produce Rule or any numeric water quality standard for irrigation water.

01/31 Introduced, read first time, referred to JRA for Printing

02/03 Reported Printed and Referred to Agricultural Affairs

The stated purpose of Bill HO273 is "to protect citizens of Idaho from EPA regulations that are not authorized by the Constitution of the United States and violate the Constitution's true meaning of intent." The author(s) intent is for the State Legislature to adopt and implement measures to prevent enforcement of certain EPA regulations.

H0473 by STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY - Amends existing law to declare certain federal regulation authority is not authorized by the United States Constitution, to state the legislative duty to prevent enforcement of certain regulations and to provide exceptions.

02/06 Introduced, read first time, referred to JRA for Printing

02/07 Reported Printed and Referred to State Affairs

This is to remove the sunset clause in the Childhood Immunization Policy Commission. The Senate has passed and it has been sent to the House.

S1295 by HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

IMMUNIZATION - Repeals existing law relating to the sunset provision of the Idaho Childhood Immunization Policy Commission.

02/06 Introduced; read first time; referred to JR for Printing

02/07 Reported Printed; referred to Health & Welfare

02/14 Reported out of Committee with Do Pass Recommendation; Filed for second reading

02/17 Read second time; filed for Third Reading

02/19 Read third time in full - PASSED - 34-0-1 AYES

Title apvd - to House

02/20 Received from the Senate, Filed for First Reading

Read First Time, Referred to Health & Welfare

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has seen a greater demand for loans in the wastewater fund than from the drinking water fund. The drinking water fund has been underutilized for the last two years. This would allow for unused money in the drinking water fund to be moved to the wastewater fund when needed. This has passed

the House and is with the Senate.

H0391 by ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD - Amends existing law relating to the Wastewater Facility Loan Account and the Drinking Water Loan Account to authorize the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality to transfer funds between the Wastewater Facility Loan Account and the Drinking Water Loan Account.

01/21 Introduced, read first time, referred to JRA for Printing

01/22 Reported Printed and Referred to Environment, Energy, & Technology

01/31 Reported out of Committee with Do Pass Recommendation, Filed for Second Reading

02/03 Read second time; Filed for Third Reading

02/04 Read Third Time in Full - PASSED - 69-0-1 AYES

Title apvd - to Senate

02/05 Received from the House passed; filed for first reading

Introduced, read first time; referred to: Health & Welfare

02/20 Reported out of Committee with Do Pass Recommendation; Filed for second reading

02/21 Read second time; filed for Third Reading

This bill concerns DEQ's bid to take over the National Pollution Discharge Elimination Program (NPDES) from EPA and give the State of Idaho primacy over the rules and enforcement. It has passed the House and is currently with the Senate.

H0406 by ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY - Amends existing law to revise and to provide civil penalty provisions and to require compliance with certain public participation requirements in administrative and civil enforcement proceedings; to provide for criminal violations and penalties; and to authorize the Department of Environmental Quality to pursue approval of an NPDES program.

01/23 Introduced, read first time, referred to JRA for Printing

01/24 Reported Printed and Referred to Environment, Energy, & Technology

01/29 Reported out of Committee with Do Pass Recommendation, Filed for Second Reading

01/30 Read second time; Filed for Third Reading

01/31 Read Third Time in Full - PASSED - 62-0-8 AYES

Title apvd - to Senate

02/03 Received from the House passed; filed for first reading

Introduced, read first time; referred to: Resources & Environment

02/17 Reported out of Committee with Do Pass Recommendation;

Filed for second reading

02/18 Read second time; filed for Third Reading

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