IDAHO LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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___1.   **IDAHO CODE COMPILER'S NOTES.** The compiler's notes in brackets at the end of the Idaho Code section provide each Session law year and chapter that added or amended the section:

> *example:*   [I.C. § 63-2522, as added by 1987, ch. 254, § 3, p. 517]

___2.   **SESSION LAW**. Look up the Session Law to see if the language you are interested in was included in that version of the law. If not, go to the next year listed in the compiler's notes and check that Session law. Repeat the process until you find the Session law that added the pertinent language. Note down the House or Senate bill number under the heading of the Session law chapter, as all other sources in the Legislative Library are organized by year and bill number. (1863 to present available; 2006 to present online)

___3.   **BILL**. You can view a copy of the bill by checking the library's bill binders or drawers. If the bill was amended, you can also view the version of the bill as it was first introduced, any amendments and the final engrossed version. (1901 to present available; 1998 to present online)

___4.   **BILL STATUS**. Each year's *Daily Data, Final Edition* (called *Weekly Bill Status* after 2004) contains a procedural history and summary of action, votes and effective date for every introduced bill, listed in numerical order. Additionally, there is a subject index in the back of the volume for all introduced bills, which can be helpful if you don't know the bill or Session law chapter number. (1970 to present available; 1998 to present online)

___5.   **STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE**. Every bill is issued a Statement of Purpose. There are separate House and Senate volumes for each year: pull the relevant year and body for your bill. Statements of Purpose are organized numerically in the volume. (1963, 1967, 1972 to present available; 1998 to present online)

___6.   **COMMITTEE MINUTES**. The Committee Minutes Index lists each committee and date in which a bill was discussed. Pull the relevant House and Senate committee volumes listed in the Index, being careful to note the correct year, body and date. On the first day that a bill is heard in committee it is often referred to by its "RS" number, which is listed in the same row with the bill number and committee dates. Also check behind each listed day of committee minutes for possible attachments, such as typed testimony, reports or presentations. (House: 1960 - present available; Senate: 1970 - present available. From 2003 to present online, except possible attachments to the minutes.)

___7.   **HOUSE AND SENATE JOURNALS (STATEMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT)**. Check the "House and Senate Journal Index for Legislative Intent" in the spiral bound book on the counter to see if your bill is listed. Only a few bills each year will have a Statement of Legislative Intent. You can also check the indexes in the back of the Senate and House Journals to find the pages on which your bill is introduced, read, voted upon and signed. (1881 to present available. *Index not available online.*)

___8.   **INTERIM COMMITTEE MINUTES**. Check the list of interim study committees in the spiral bound book on the counter to see whether your bill was the subject of an interim study. Check the list for the two years before your bill was introduced. If you find a relevant study committee, the study committee minutes are available in the Library. (1963 to present available; 2003 to present online)

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