

LOBBYING

Organizations that qualify for IRS 501(c)(3) status are not prohibited from lobbying, they are limited on what funds can be used and how much can be spent on lobbying.

The IRS recognizes two types of lobbying.

- **Direct Lobbying** is any attempt to influence any legislation through communication with any member or employee of a legislative body, or government official, with the intent to influence legislation *if and only if* the communication:
 - refers to specific legislation *and*
 - reflects a view on such legislation.
- **Grassroots Lobbying** includes the *addition* of indirect attempts to communicate with and influence legislators through constituents *if and only if* the communication:
 - also includes a call to action directed at the recipient.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

- **Idaho Legislature | legislature.idaho.gov**
 - Who's My Legislator?
 - Committees
 - Legislative Publications
 - Legislative Directory (Hard copies available for purchase in the Idaho Capitol Gift Shop.)
 - Live Audio / Video Streaming
 - Resources
 - How a Bill Becomes Law
 - Legislator District Map
 - How Citizens Can Testify Before Legislative Committees
- **Legislative Services Office:** Fulltime staff available to answer questions. 208-334-2475 (1st Floor, West Wing, Capitol Building -W114)
- **Library of Congress | congress.gov**
 - Current Legislative Activities- sign up for alerts
 - Current Members of Congress- find Idaho's delegates and their contact information
 - Links to the official House and Senate websites (house.gov & senate.gov)

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Legislative Tracking



Enhancing education, communication and partnerships as substance abuse prevention advocates.



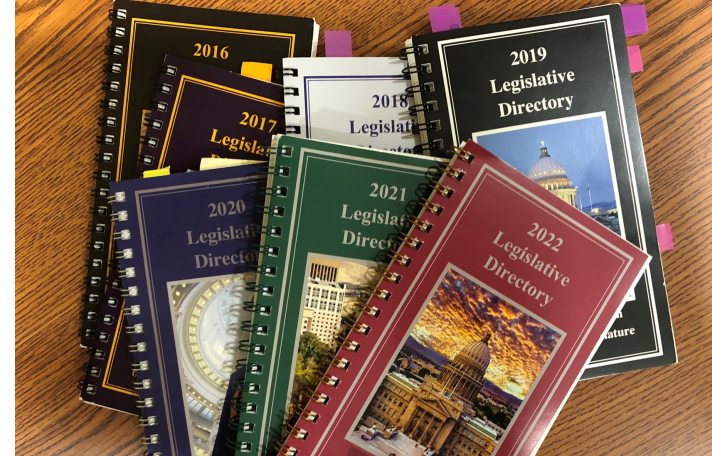
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GET STARTED

- 1 Explore the Idaho Legislature website.
- 2 Review the most recent Legislative Directory (Legislative Publications).
- 3 Identify district representatives in your area and establish your organization as a resource to them.
- 4 Set up an account on My Bill Tracker.
- 5 Provide resources to constituents that have expressed interest in testifying.

IMPORTANT DATES

- November: Elections
 - 1 Senator & 2 House Representatives per legislative district
 - 2 yr. terms (election held in even numbered years)
- December: Senate and House leadership and Committee assignments
- January - March: Legislature in session



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 *The official website of the*
Idaho Legislature



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BILL TRACKING

Click the *My Bill Tracker* link on top right corner of the legislative website to setup an account.

- Create and maintain lists of legislation.
- Receive email notifications when action occurs on any of the bills you are tracking.

Idaho Office of Drug Policy also has a bill tracker that follows all drug related legislation.

- www.odp.idaho.gov/billtracker

LEGISLATIVE TERMS

Pro Tempore (Pro Tem)- leader of Senate

Speaker of the House - leader of House

Tabled - postponed or suspended

Sine Die - adjournment of the legislative session

Bi-Partisan - two political parties, usually opposing one another



LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY

(listed under Legislative Publications)
District Map | Senate & House Leadership | Session Dates | Legislators District, Contact, & Committee Info. | Maps of the Capitol | Committee Members & Admin. | State Government & Other Elected Officials | Capitol Correspondents (members of the media credentialed to work in the Capitol)

CONSTITUENTS

Help constituents learn about the legislative process and encourage them to: track bills of interest, watch live audio/video streaming of hearings and learn how to testify.