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2026 Food Producers of Idaho – Legislative Summary **69th Idaho Legislature, First Session** **3/25/2026**

**All Legislation that Food Producers of Idaho takes a position on will be tracked for the FP Scorecard. Shading Indicates Food Producers' latest action on the legislation.*

Bill #	Description	Contact	House	Senate	Final
H 503 <i>*FPI Supports</i> <i>IFBF Abstained from Vote</i>	Proposes to establish the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission within the Idaho Department of Water Resources.	Patxi Larrocea-Phillips, LP Associates & Agriculture, LLC	2/20 Passed 67-0-3	3/16 Passed 35-0-0	3/19 Signed into Law
H 517 <i>*FPI Opposes</i>	Removes Idaho from the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER).	Ken Dey, Simplot	State Affairs		
H 584 <i>*FPI Opposes</i>	Adds to Idaho employment law to prohibit employment of illegal aliens and require employers to e-verify an employee's legal employment status as a condition of employment.	Jamie Neill, IDA	Business		
H 587 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	H468, the Idaho Rangeland Improvement Act, was passed in the 2024 legislative session. While revenues are not derived from General Funds, continuous spending for any revenue source were not authorized. This legislation clarifies that funding, regardless of the source, is continuously authorized so that projects can be prioritized and completed in a timely manner.	Patxi Larrocea-Phillips, LP Associates & Agriculture, LLC	2/13 Passed 44-25-1	3/6 Passed 21-10-4	3/12 Signed into Law
H 630 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Amends 22-102A, Idaho Code, which provides for the permitting of the use of aircraft in controlling unprotected or predatory animals. The amendments will account for the movement of current administrative rule language into the statute because it is beneficial to have all related requirements related to this matter in a single location in Idaho Code.	Braden Jensen, IFBF	2/24 Passed 60-8-2	3/25 Failed 6-8-21	Failed Senate
H 631 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Amend Title 22, Chapter 1, Idaho Code, to incorporate certain language related to Certificates of Free Sale. The amendment will move language from a current administrative rule to statute, which means the regulated community will be able to find all requirements related to this matter in a single location in Idaho Code.	Braden Jensen, IFBF	2/24 Passed 61-7-2	Agricultural Affairs	Passed House & Senate – Enrolling
H 646 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	In other states the practice of third party litigation financing has become a problem, as lenders essentially buy a stake in the litigation that is contingent on the outcome of a lawsuit. In most cases those lenders gain a right to control or influence the litigation as a way to secure their investment. That can cause the	David Claiborne, Sawtooth Law Offices, PLLC	Business		

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	actual party to the lawsuit to lose control of the litigation on their own case, essentially selling it to the lender. This legislation provides transparency so that lending arrangements are open to the court and to the litigants. It provides consumer protections to assure that these lawsuit lenders don't displace the actual parties in the decision making on their own litigation and prevents exploitation and undue influence over legal proceedings. Finally, it prevents foreign adversaries and other foreign persons of concern from interfering in the Idaho judicial system by becoming lawsuit lenders.				
H 653 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Ensures transparency and public participation in the process of transplanting and relocating wildlife. It also protects private property rights by allowing landowners and public lands grazing permittees to be notified of proposed transplant and relocation efforts by the Department of Fish and Game. In the event of a "planned movement" or relocation project, the director would be required to notify county commissioners in the county for which the project is to take place, as well as any affected landowners or public grazing permittees in the area of proposed movement or relocation. Upon written objection by any affected landowners or permittees, the county commission would conduct a hearing and at said hearing the commissioners would vote to approve or reject the planned movement. "Responsive movements", or relocations of wildlife due to imminent threat to the public or to the wildlife themselves would not be affected by this legislation.	Dexton Lane, IFBF	Resources & Conservation		
H 662 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Clarifies the Idaho State Department of Agriculture may test milk and cream for any quality parameter that is used by a buyer and seller to determine pricing. It also clarifies that the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, buyer, and seller have a right to the test sample.	Jamie Niell, IDA/Travis Jones, Riley Stegner & Associates	3/2 Passed 67-0-3	3/17 Passed 34-0-1	3/19 Signed into Law
H 663 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Regarding Idaho agriculture license plates, this legislation moves design responsibilities from Food Producers of Idaho to the Idaho Ag in the Classroom Board of Directors.	Cassidey Plum, Plum and Associates	2/23 Passed 65-3-2	3/12 Passed 35-0-0	3/18 Signed in Law
H 669 <i>*FPI Opposes</i>	Enacts a full repeal of cloud seeding operations by any public or private entity. It also prohibits any type of weather modification activity within the state.	Braden Jensen, IFBF	Awaiting committee referral		
H 678 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Allows wolf trappers to inspect their trap remotely with transmitting cameras.	Patxi Larrocea-Phillips, LP Associates & Agriculture, LLC	3/3 Passed 67-0-3	3/24 Passed 34-0-1	Passed House & Senate (Amended) – Engrossing
H 693 <i>*FPI Opposes</i>	Makes it illegal in Idaho for anyone to knowingly help, hide, or transport individuals who are in the U.S. illegally. It also prohibits encouraging or assisting them to live in the state and providing them with housing, financial support, or legal help if their	Jamie Niell, IDA	Judiciary, Rules & Administration		

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	presence in the U.S. violates federal law. If someone breaks this law, they can face a misdemeanor or a felony depending on how many individuals are involved. Repeat offenders and those aiding multiple individuals can lose business licenses, face large fines, and even have their vehicles seized. Exceptions exist for law enforcement, emergency responders, and first responders acting in their official capacity.				
H 700 <i>*FPI Opposes</i>	Creates a new chapter in Idaho law making it a misdemeanor for employers, labor representatives, or employment agents to knowingly hire, continue employing, recruit individuals who are not lawfully present in the U.S. or authorized to work under federal law. It defines when an individual is considered unauthorized and requires employers to stop employment if they know or should know that work authorization has expired or been revoked. Employers who verify work authorization through the federal E-Verify system before hiring, and receive confirmation, are shielded from criminal liability and may raise good-faith compliance as an affirmative defense. An emergency clause provides for an effective date of July 1, 2026.	Jamie Niell, IDA	2/27 Passed 36-33-1	State Affairs	
H 704 <i>*FPI Opposes</i>	Adds to Idaho employment law to prohibit employment of illegal aliens and require employers to e-verify an employee's legal employment status as a condition of employment.	Jamie Niell, IDA	2/27 Passed 43-26-1	State Affairs	
H 737 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Provides for the merging of the Idaho Governor's Office of Energy and Mineral Resources with the Office of Species Conservation. A merged office will leverage administrative capacity and reduce bureaucratic redundancy.	Patxi Larroccea-Phillips, LP Associates & Agriculture, LLC	2/26 Passed 66-4-0	3/16 Passed 30-2-3	3/19 Signed into Law
H 747 <i>*FPI Opposes</i>	Allows individual property owners to opt-out and exempt themselves from Mosquito District Abatement. It also restricts certain aerial abatement methods in certain circumstances. It requires Mosquito Abatement Districts to publish and notify on the use of products and information on how to opt-out, and sets penalties if the District is not in compliance.	Mary Scott, Food Producers	Local Government		
764 <i>*FPI Opposes</i>	Makes it illegal in Idaho for anyone to knowingly help, hide, or transport individuals who are in the U.S. illegally. It also prohibits encouraging or assisting them to live in the state and providing them with housing, financial support, or legal help if their presence in the U.S. violates federal law. If someone breaks this law, they can face a misdemeanor or a felony depending on how many individuals are involved. Repeat offenders and those aiding multiple individuals can lose business licenses, face large fines, and even have their vehicles seized. Exceptions exist for law enforcement,	Jamie Niell, IDA	Judiciary, Rules & Administration		

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H 772 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Specifies that industrial hemp producers that are growing for fiber or grain may grow under the same regulatory limits as the federal regulations that govern industrial hemp production.	Braden Jensen, IFBF	3/5 Passed 68-0-2-	Agricultural Affairs	
H 789 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Ratifies and provides for implementation of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Water Rights Settlement Agreement of 2026, which resolves claims made by or on behalf of the Tribe in the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication. It further provides authority for the Idaho Water Resource Board to appoint a local rental committee to facilitate operation of a water supply bank for the off-reservation lease and rental of consumptive use federal reserved water rights held by or on behalf of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe within the Coeur d'Alene Spokane River Basin.	Norm Semanko, Parsons Behle & Latimer	3/9 Passed 64-0-6	3/24 Passed 34-0-1	Passed House & Senate – To Governor
H 823 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Amends Section 22-202A, Idaho Code, which allows county commissioners in counties over a specified population threshold to designate a county fair board as an advisory body rather than as a governing board. This legislation does not impact counties that already relied upon this section. This statutory provision was adopted decades ago to address a specific circumstance at that time. Today, the population-based trigger is arbitrary and no longer reflects sound governance principles. Good governance should not hinge on an outdated population threshold or mechanism that creates structural instability for county fair operations. County fairs remain foundational to Idaho's agricultural heritage, rural communities, and local economies. Repealing this antiquated statute removes an unnecessary and destabilizing tool from code, restores clarity to county fair governance, and ensures fair boards operate under consistent statutory authority across the state. This legislation modernizes Idaho Code by protecting counties that have relied on the state while eliminating an outdated provision that is no longer needed and does not represent best practices in local governance.	Braden Jensen, IFBF	3/12 Passed 51-14-5	Local Government & Taxation	
H 879 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Clarifies that establishments offering certain hemp products for retail sale are subject to the authorities of the existing Industrial Hemp Research and Development Act (Idaho Code 22-1705).	Braden Jensen IFBF	3/20 Passed 53-16-1	Agricultural Affairs	
HCR 34 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Asserts Idaho's water rights under the Amended Bear River Compact, which was signed by Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming, and ratified by Congress in 1980. It directs Idaho's Bear River Commissioners to strictly interpret and enforce the irrigation reserve water elevation statutes for Bear Lake, and urges Idaho to invest in the equipment necessary to measure and quantify Bear River water.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	Resources & Conservation		

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HJM 9 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Shows statewide support for a federal legislative effort to confirm that the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) is the primary law governing federal land exchanges.	Elizabeth Criner, Veritas Advisors	2/04 Adopted 69-0-1	2/17 Adopted – Voice Vote	Adopted – Memorial to Congress
HJM 10 <i>*FPI Supports</i> <i>Food Northwest Abstained from Vote</i>	Urges Congress to join Secretary Robert Kennedy's push to move away from artificial sweeteners in children's school lunches and replace with natural sources of sugar.	Samantha Parrott, SRSGA	2/04 Adopted – Voice Vote	2/11 Adopted – Voice Vote	Adopted – Memorial to Congress
HJM 12 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Expresses the opposition of the Idaho Legislature to any proposal by the State of Utah to impose an export tax on transportation fuels sold outside its borders.	Suzanne Budge, SBS Associates	Transportation & Defense		
HJM 13 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Calling on the federal government to implement the Supreme Court's decision in Sackett in the application of the Clean Water Act.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	3/5 Adopted 64-2-4	3/23 Adopted – Voice Vote	To Secretary of State
HJM 14 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Expresses support for new water storage in Idaho.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	2/26 Adopted – Voice Vote	3/23 Adopted – Voice Vote	To Secretary of State
HJM 15 <i>*FPI Opposes</i>	Urges the United States Congress to prohibit unauthorized geoengineering and atmospheric modification activities conducted over the State of Idaho without state approval, public disclosure, or transparency. This memorial asserts Idaho's responsibility under the Tenth Amendment to protect public health, private property, agriculture, and environmental integrity from potential harm caused by intentional atmospheric interventions, including weather modification and solar radiation management. It expresses concern that such activities may occur without sufficient oversight, consent, or evaluation of long-term impacts on human health, livestock, crops, ecosystems, and weather stability. The memorial calls upon Congress to establish clear prohibitions and penalties for unauthorized geoengineering activities, ensure coordination with state and federal enforcement agencies, and respect state sovereignty over activities conducted within and above Idaho's borders.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	Environment, Energy & Technology		
S 1222 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Amends existing laws regarding domestic wells, specifically targeting regulations for water usage and subdivisions. The bill aims to revise provisions related to domestic exempt wells and clarifies definitions for water use.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	2/11 Passed 69-0-1	1/30 Passed 29-0-6	Signed Into Law
S 1224 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Provides slow-moving vehicles right-of-way until safe to move.	Dexton Lake, IFBF	3/20 Passed 68-0-2	3/9 Passed 35-0-0	3/25 Signed into Law
S 1269 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Updates Idaho's cloud seeding statutes by placing clear definitions, authorization, and reporting mechanisms into law to improve transparency and accountability. It provides for public meetings and reporting on cloud seeding operations, environmental considerations, and program effectiveness under an existing program.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	3/17 Passed 40-28-2	3/3 Passed 25-9-1	3/23 Signed into Law

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S 1271 <i>*FPI Opposes</i>	Address the growing presence of invasive Norway rats and roof rats in Idaho, which pose risks to public health, agriculture, and infrastructure. Idaho has not historically had established populations of these rats, and early, coordinated action is necessary to prevent permanent establishment and increased long-term costs.	Ben Miller, IPMA	3/17 Failed 32-38-0	3/5 Passed 28-3-4	Failed House
S 1304 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Amends Idaho code to clarify that a ditch easement includes the right to operate, maintain, repair, replace or move facilities, including structures connected to those facilities, within an easement, without requiring a landowner's written permission.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	3/19 Passed 45-25-0	3/3 Passed 29-5-1	3/24 Signed into Law
S 1307 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Responding to the Legislature's code cleanup mandate by repealing Chapter 9 and consolidating its provisions in Chapter 13. Additional amendments are also included to ensure that necessary Chapter 9 provisions continue in effect. Many ag producers are along lateral ditches (the primary arteries delivering water off of a canal), this will provide clarity in management of laterals with multiple users.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	3/19 Passed 60-10-0	3/3 Passed 34-0-1	3/23 Signed into Law
S 1326 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Codifies historic 4th Amendment protections against government employee entry into privately owned lands except under certain circumstances. The legislation does not increase or decrease the protections related to a place of habitation, or the associated curtilage.	Russ Hendricks, IFBF	3/23 Passed 65-3-2	3/9 Passed 30-5-0	3/25 Signed into Law
S 1335 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	This bill requires individuals who utilize state appropriated funds for purposes of attending a veterinary school to return to work in Idaho for a period of four years and devote thirty percent of their annual working time, or six hundred hours, to agriculture animals for those four years.	Dexton Lake IFBF	Agricultural Affairs	3/19 Passed 33-2-0	
S 1337 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	For many irrigation districts, finding qualified and willing landowners to serve on the board is increasingly challenging. This legislation will amend board qualifications for irrigation districts under 15,000 acres, by allowing landowners to serve on a board as long as they own land in the division being represented and live in the same or adjoining county as the district. Such a change must be adopted by a 2/3 vote of the board of directors.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	3/19 Passed 70-0-0	3/12 Passed 34-0-1	3/24 Signed into Law
SCR 115 <i>*FPI Supports</i> <i>IFBF Abstained from Vote</i>	Proposes to establish the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission within the Idaho Department of Water Resources.	Patxi Larroccea-Phillips, LP Associates & Agriculture, LLC	2/20 Adopted 67-0-3	2/09 Adopted – Voice Vote	Adopted
SCR 116 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Formally recognizes the hydrologic and economic importance of Idaho Water Resource Board District 1.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	3/12 Adopted – Voice Vote	2/09 Adopted – Voice Vote	To Secretary of State
SCR 117 <i>*FPI Supports</i>	Formally recognizes the strategic importance of Idaho Water Resource Board District 4 as the primary "water tower" for the Snake River system.	Paul Arrington, IWUA	3/12 Adopted 54-11-3	2/04 Adopted – Voice vote	To Secretary of State

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