

Bills of Interest  
2016 Legislative Session  
March 14 through March 25, 2016

**Bills Introduced in the House**

[H0602](#) – CHILDREN & FAMILIES – Amends I.C. § 32-717B to provide that in the absence of a preponderance of evidence to the contrary, there shall be a presumption that joint physical and joint legal custody is in the best interests of the child; states that for purposes of the provision stating that an order of joint physical custody means that the child shall reside with or be under the care and supervision of each of the parents for significant periods of time, “significant periods of time” means as near to equal as practicable.

[H0604](#) – ELECTIONS – Provides that a license to carry concealed weapons may be used as identification for purpose of voting.

[H0606a](#) – URBAN RENEWAL – Allows members of the board of commissioners of an urban renewal agency to be elected if the local governing body enacts an ordinance so permitting; adds provisions regarding extension of boundaries of a revenue allocation area; requires election and approval by 60% of electors for expending revenues for construction of a municipal building that is not subject to property taxes, if at least 51% of the cost of the project comes from urban renewal revenues.

[H0608](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Trailer bill appropriating \$2,949,000 to the Supreme Court from the general fund and reducing the appropriation from the Dug Court, Mental Health Court and Family Court Services Fund by the same amount, in keeping with the fund shift enacted by HB 461.

[H0609](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Trailer appropriation bill for the Public Defense Commission for FY 2017; appropriates \$5,482,800, including \$4,266,500 for grants to counties for indigent defense services and \$368,700 for personnel costs.

[H0641](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriation bill for the Department of Fish and Game for FY 2017; increase over FY2016 appropriation of 8.7%, with no increase in FTPs.

[HCR059](#) – CHILDREN & FAMILIES – Creates a legislative interim committee to study Idaho’s foster care system.

[HCR060](#) – NUCLEAR ENERGY – Resolution urging the Attorney General to issue a waiver allowing spent fuel to be sent to the Idaho National Laboratory.

[HJR005](#) – CONSTITUTION – Proposes an amendment to the Idaho Constitution to add a section stating that the Legislature may review any administrative rule to insure that it is consistent with legislative intent, that the Legislature may then approve or reject the rule in whole or in part, and that that such legislative action is not subject to veto by the Governor.

## **Bills Introduced in the Senate**

[S1390](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriation bill for ISP for FY2017; includes 9.5% over original FY2016 appropriation and increase in FTPs of 2.2%.

[S1404a](#) – ABORTION – Enacts the Idaho Unborn Infants Dignity Act; makes it a felony to knowingly sell, transfer, distribute, donate, accept, use or attempt to use the body or bodily remains of an aborted infant, except as provided in chapter 93 of title 39; states that the terms transfer, accept, and acceptance do not apply to the transfer or acceptance of the body or remains for the sole purpose of lawfully disposing of the boy or remains; makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly use an unborn infant of the remains or stem cells of an unborn infant in research, experimentation, study, or transplantation, except for procedures that have the purpose or promoting the life or health of the unborn infant or the mother, for pathological study, or for projects undertaken before July 1, 2016.

[S1405](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriation bill for the Commission for Pardons and Parole for FY 2017; provides for a 7.9% increase over original appropriation for FY2016 and maintains FTPs at 33, unless increase in FTPs is specifically authorized by the Governor.

[S1409](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriation bill for Department of Correction for FY2017; provides for 6.3% increase over original FY2016 appropriation and net zero reallocation of FTPs to decentralize and defund offender programs and redistribute headquarters staff.

[S1410](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriates funds from Millennium Income Fund for FY2017.

[S1420](#) – COURTS – Sets the salaries of district judges at \$1,500 less than the salaries of judges of the Court of Appeals; increases the salaries of district judges and magistrate judges by \$4,500.

[S1421](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Appropriates an additional \$2,000,000 to the Constitutional Defense Fund; appropriates an additional \$971,700 to the Department of Administration to be used for the payment of attorney fees, costs and expenses in *Syringa Networks, LLC v. Dept. of Administration*.

[S1427](#) – APPROPRIATIONS – Trailer bill to SB 1420; appropriates an additional \$815,700 to the Supreme Court for FY2017 for the increase in judicial salaries.

[SCR151](#) – ADMINISTRATIVE LAW – Creates a legislative interim committee to study approaches to mitigating the risk of bias in contested administrative hearings.

[SR101](#) – LEGISLATURE – Amends Rule 20 of the Rules of the Senate to state that the chair's decisions are final and not subject to appeal to the committee.