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Bill#	Overview & Supporting Documents	Status
	Idaho Hospital Assessment Act (aka Private Hospital UPL Legislation) the bill	
H0443	is being sponsored by Rep. Fred Wood (R-Burley) and Sen. Denton Darrington (R-Declo).	House: Passed: 65-0-5 Senate 3rd reading

Priority Healthcare Legislation

Bill#	Position, Rationale, & Update	Status
H0488	<u>Midwifery</u> - Creates voluntary licensure for lay midwives through the Bureau of Occupational Licenses. The bill, if passed, would increase the scope of practice to include allowing the prescription of medicines.	House General Orders
HCR041	Medicaid Funded by DSH - This resolution urges the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to use portions of the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital funds to help individuals retain private health insurance.	House H&W

Other Health Related Information

Bill#	Title & Description	Status
H0344	Income Tax Withholding This bill simplifies the year-end income tax withholding reports employers now must file with the State Tax Commission by combining two filings (W2 copies and the annual reconciliation of the amounts reported on the W-2s) into a single filing.	Governor signed Session Law Chapter 5 Effective: 7/1/08
H0357	<u>Sales Tax</u> - Revises the sales and use tax exemptions for medical prescriptions to clarify that the exemptions apply to all practitioners authorized by code to prescribe (including physician assistants); and to include dental fillings.	Governor signed Session Law Chapter 19 Effective: 7/1/08
H0388	Nursing Licensure and Discipline - Corrects code relating to nurse licensure and clarifies disciplinary grounds for misuse of alcohol and drugs, and for failure to comply with a board order, negotiated settlement or probationary agreement, or to pay fines or costs assessed in a prior disciplinary proceeding as independent grounds for additional disciplinary action.	House Passed: 69-0-1 Senate Passed:34-0-1
H0416	<u>State Employee Group Insurance</u> - Revises the state active and retired healthcare service coverage. Key points include: more cost sharing by employees, fixed monthly coverage amounts paid by the state for retirees, elimination of retiree healthcare coverage for those employed by the state after July 1, 2008, and clarification that an employee must retire directly from the state to be eligible for retiree healthcare coverage.	House Com/HR
H0489	Health Quality Planning Commission - This bill would remove the sunset date from the Health Quality Planning Commission and add "lay" reporting to the tasks of the Commission.	House H&W
H05 <u>09</u>	<u>Prescription Drug Program</u> - Establishes the Idaho Prescription Drug Program within the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to provide those uninsured and underinsured with rates not available to them but available to those in group plans to purchase medications.	House H&W

HJM006	Skilled Nursing Facilities - This resolution would compel Idaho's congressional delegation and others to improve the federal survey process for skilled nursing facilities.	House Adopted Senate Adopted
HCR035	<u>Small Business Health Insurance</u> - Directs the Legislative Council to create an interim committee to study and recommend solutions to assist small business owners in paying for health insurance for themselves and their employees.	House Bus
HCR040	Medicaid Medication Therapy - A concurrent resolution encouraging the Department of Health and Welfare to proceed with developing a Medicaid Medication Therapy Management program.	House H&W
S1320	<u>Medical Services for Prisoners</u> - Provide that the Board of Correction shall pay for medical services for prisoners committed only to the custody of the Department of Correction.	Senate Passed: 34-0-1 House Passed: 64-0-6
S ₁ 1364	Naturopath Licensing - Repeals the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Act.	Senate H&W
S1386	<u>Authorization of Medications</u> - Creates a Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee within the Dept. of Health and Welfare charged making non-binding recommendations concerning administration of the department's prescription drug program. Additionally, the bill authorizes a physician to prescribe medication without prior departmental authorization if, in the physician's opinion, the medication is medically necessary for a specific patient or if the drug has previously been approved by the department for that patient's medical condition.	Senate H&W
S1426	Mental Illness Hospitalization - This legislation is the recommendation of the Sub-Committee on Mental Health of the Health Care Task Force. The group, following the study of the involuntary commitment process and laws in Idaho, is proposing minor adjustments in an attempt to improve identified deficiencies.	Senate Passed: 33-0-2 House H&W

House / Senate Abbreviations

Ag Aff - Agricultural Affairs
Approp - Appropriations
Bus - Business
Com/HR - Commerce & Human Resources
Educ - Education

Envir - Environment, Energy & Technology

Fin - Finanace
H/W - Health & Welfare
JFAC - Joint Finance & Appropriation Committee
Jud - Judiciary, Rules & Administration
Loc Gov - Local Government
Res/Con - Resources & Conversation

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