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Lobbyist's name and permanent business address Toni Lawson P O Box 1278 Boise, ID 83701-1278	Date prepared 03/11/2009	Period covered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> month ending (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) 02 28 2009
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Item 1	Totals of all reportable expenditures made or incurred by Lobbyist or by Lobbyist's Employer on behalf of Lobbyist's Employer.				
Category of Expenditure Reimbursed Personal Living and Travel Expenses Pertaining to Lobbying Activity Do Not Have to be Reported	*Total Amount for All Employers	Proportionate amounts contributed by each employer (Identify employers, under Item 3, at bottom of page.)			
		Employer No. 1	Employer No. 2	Employer No. 3	Employer No. 4
Entertainment	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$	\$	\$
Food and Refreshment	0.00	0.00			
Living Accommodations	0.00	0.00			
Advertising	0.00	0.00			
Travel	0.00	0.00			
Telephone	0.00	0.00			
Other Expenses or Services	0.00	0.00			
Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

*When the number of employers you are reporting for requires multiple L-2 forms to be filed a total amount for all employers should be entered on Page 1.

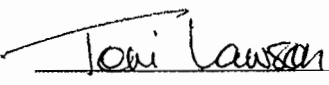
Item 2	The totals of each expenditure of more than seventy-five dollars (\$75) for a legislator, other holder of public office, executive officials and member(s) of their household.			
Date	Place	Amount	Names of Legislators, Public and Executive Officials and Household Members in Group	
	NONE			

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<p align="center">INSTRUCTIONS</p> <p>Who should file this form: Any lobbyist registered under Section 67-6617 Idaho Code</p> <p>Filing deadline: Monthly reports due within fifteen (15) days of the month for activities of the past month.</p> <p>TO BE FILED WITH: Ben Yursa Secretary of State PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0080 Phone: (208) 334-2852 Fax: (208) 334-2282</p>	Item 3	Employer(s) Name(s) and Address(es)
	No. 1	Idaho Hospital Association P O Box 1278 Boise, ID 83701-1278
	No. 2	
	No. 3	
	No. 4	

Item 4

Item 4 is no longer statutorily required.

Item 5			LEGISLATIVE SUBJECT IDENTIFICATION			
Subject matter of proposed legislation, the number of the Senate or House Bill, Resolution or other legislative activity in which the Lobbyist was supporting or opposing.			Code	Subject	Code	Subject
Subject Code (from table)	Bill, Resolution or Other Legislative Ident. Number	Appropriation Bill Number and Section Number				
	Please see attached		01	Agriculture, horticulture, farming, and livestock	17	Health service, medicine, drugs and controlled substances, health insurance, hospitals
			02	Amusements, games, athletics and sports	18	Higher education
			03	Banking, finance, credit and investments	19	Housing, construction, codes
			04	Children, minors, youth, senior citizens	20	Insurance (excluding health insurance)
			05	Church and religion	21	Labor, salaries and wages, collective bargaining
			06	Consumer affairs	22	Law enforcement, courts, judges, crimes, prisons
			07	Ecology, environment, pollution, conservation, zoning, land and water use	23	License, permits
			08	Education	24	Liquor
			09	Elections, campaigns, voting, political parties	25	Manufacturing, distribution and services
			10	Equal rights, civil rights, minority affairs	26	Natural resources, forest and forest products, fisheries, mining and mining products
			11	Government, financing, taxation, revenue, budget, appropriations, bids, fees, funds	27	Public lands, parks, recreation
			12	Government, county	28	Social insurance, unemployment insurance, public assistance, workmen's compensation
			13	Government, federal	29	Transportation, highways, streets and roads
			14	Government, municipal	30	Utilities, communications, televisions, radio, newspaper, power, CATV, gas
			15	Government, special districts	31	Other (please specify) _____
			16	Government, state		
<p>CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above is a true, complete and correct statement in accordance with Section 67-6624 Idaho Code.</p>						
Item 6	Identify any rule, ratemaking decision, procurement, contract, bid or bid process, financial services or bond lobbyist was supporting or opposing.		<p style="text-align: center;">  _____ Lobbyist signature </p> <p style="text-align: right;"> 3/11/09 _____ Date </p>			



Legislative Report

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 Steven Millard, President
 Toni Lawson, Vice President, Governmental Relations

IHA Sponsored Legislation

Bill #	Overview & Supporting Documents	Status
S1114	<p>Treatment and Consent for Developmentally Disabled - This legislation provides a system whereby withdrawing or withholding treatment to developmentally disabled persons could be allowed if continued treatment would be futile or inhumane. The legislation creates a voluntary process whereby physicians or surrogate decision makers may ask a hospital ethics committee to determine whether it is medically appropriate to withhold or withdraw treatment. If the ethics committee determines that it is medically appropriate to withdraw or withhold treatment, the patient or surrogates will be given time to transfer care to another willing provider. Amendments also resolve issues that have caused concern or questions over the years, including identifying emancipating events that allow minors to consent to their own care; clarifying the hierarchy for surrogate decision makers; confirming that health care providers may still utilize DNRs (do not resuscitate); and confirming that surrogates may execute POSTs (physicians orders for scope of treatment) on behalf of the patient.</p>	Senate - H/W sent to the floor with a "do pass" recommendation
S1104	<p>Trauma Registry Funding - The Idaho Trauma Registry was established in 2005 to collect data needed to analyze the incidence, severity, causes, costs and outcomes of trauma in Idaho in order to improve emergency medical systems and to prevent serious injuries. Only 29 percent of traumatic injuries are covered by private insurance, about one third were covered by government insurance, and an additional 22 percent were reported as self pay. EMS funding for the Idaho Trauma Registry has been discontinued. The proposed legislation increases the Emergency Medical Services fee portion of the motor vehicle registration fees by thirty cents and dedicates that amount to the operation of the Idaho Trauma Registry. <u>Update 3/2</u> - Committee is expected to hear this bill on Thursday.</p>	Senate - Trans
<p><i>Note: There are other priority pieces of legislation being advanced by IHA. We still expect to see legislation dealing with financing for public hospitals and first order review for out-of-state hospital pharmacists. For detailed discussions, please be sure to participate in our weekly Legislative Update calls - Mondays at 11am (MST) / 10am (PST). For call in information, contact Darryl-lynn Oakes (208.338.5100 x 204).</i></p>		

Priority Healthcare Legislation

Bill #	Position, Rationale, & Update	Final Status
H0074	<p>Managed Care Reform Act - Amends existing law relating to the Managed Care Reform Act to provide further legislative intent and to provide certain contractual obligations of a managed care organization.</p>	Pulled, replaced by H0174
	<p>Medicaid Funding - This legislation is proposed to contain Medicaid costs and reduce reimbursement and benefits to align with Medicaid's budget constraints. Changes include both short-term and ongoing reductions. The ongoing</p>	

H0123	<p>reductions intend to provide for sustainable cost controls. Changes include: reductions in skilled nursing home rates, a freeze on intermediate care facility rates, a freeze on physician and dental reimbursement, the removal of the nonemergency medical transportation benefit from the Basic Plan, and the addition of disproportionate share payments to the hospital assessment calculation. These reductions reflect a significant share of the overall reductions needed in the Medicaid program. While almost identical to RS 18565, important changes have been added based on discussions with the Idaho Hospital Association. Note: <i>While IHA did not oppose the bill when it was heard in the House Health & Welfare Committee, we did testify on the impact of any budget cuts to Idaho's community hospitals and our desire that the cuts do not become permanent and that the federal matching dollars are used to offset the deep cuts hospitals are experiencing. It is expected to be heard in the Senate committee today (3/2).</i></p>	House - passed 69-1-0 Senate - H/W
H0174	<p>Managed Care Reform Act - Amends existing law relating to the Managed Care Reform Act to provide further legislative intent and to provide certain contractual obligations of a managed care organization. Position: OPPOSED Note: <i>This legislation is aimed specifically at Kootenai Medical Center and the North Idaho Health Network and also has implications for other health networks around the state. Although changes have been made, there is still strong opposition to the legislation.</i></p>	House - Bus
H0185	<p>Midwife Licensure - Establishes mandatory licensure for midwives through the Bureau of Occupational Licenses. Delineates the scope of work for midwives, establishes provisions for medications and other actions that may be utilized, and outlines instances where midwives will refer patients to other medical providers and when clients may need to be transported to a full service hospital. Position: No Opposition Note: <i>After multiple conversations with the medical community, including the IHA, IMA and Idaho Perinatal Project, sponsors of the legislation have made many changes from previous versions. The bill has no major opposition and is expected to pass this session.</i></p>	House - 2nd Reading

Other Health Related Information

Bill #	Title & Description	Status
H0055	<p>Nurse Licensing - Under current law, nurses holding valid licenses in other jurisdictions seeking licensure in Idaho are required to meet mandated rigid academic and examination obligations. While this is ordinarily appropriate, in cases where nurses have been practicing safely for many years without any discipline in another jurisdiction, these rigid requirements may be an unnecessary artificial barrier to licensure in Idaho. The proposed legislation, coupled with a corresponding rule change and policy implementation, will permit the Board of Nursing to exercise sound discretion to waive strict adherence to these requirements where there is an adequate showing that the applying nurse is competent, public safety will not be compromised, and the nurse has satisfied equivalency requirements set by the Board.</p>	House - H/W
H0144	<p>Hospitalization of Mentally Ill - Amends existing law to clarify that counties will be responsible for payment of hospitalization of the mentally ill at the Medicaid rate.</p>	House - H/W
S1014	<p>Naturopath Licensure - Repeals existing law relating to the Naturopathic Physicians Licensing Act</p>	Senate - passed 27-6-2 House - H/W
S1108	<p>Emergency Medical Services - This legislation refines and updates code content as well as introduces provisions clarifying the EMS bureau's authority to investigate and act against licenses when violations of laws or rules occur,</p>	Senate - H/W

thereby protecting the public.

- S1076 Physician Visa Program** - Establishes National Interest Waiver criteria for physicians to allow for a foreign physician pursuing a change in immigration status to stay in the United States in exchange for a commitment to practice medicine to an underserved population for a three to five year period. Idaho communities may only apply for the placement of a foreign physician after demonstrating their inability to recruit an American physician, and all other recruitment/placement possibilities have proven to be unsuccessful. This bill also modifies code pertaining to the Conrad J1 Visa Waiver Program to allow physicians to show proof of eligibility for an Idaho license as part of the application criteria. Successful completion of the residency or training program and an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Idaho are conditions for employment. Senate - passed 35-0-0
House - H/W
- H0192 Health Insurance Review** - Creates the Idaho Health Carrier External Review Act allowing those covered by health insurance the right to an outside independent review of a health carrier's decision to deny an insured's claim on the grounds the service is not medically necessary or is investigational. When a request for external review is received, the Department of Insurance will randomly assign an independent review organization from a list of qualified review organizations. The cost of the external review will be borne by the health plan and a decision by an independent review organization will be binding on both the health plan and the covered person, unless the covered person has a right to further review under federal law. House - 3rd reading
- S1116 Insurance Cover - Cancer Medication** - Directs health benefit plans providing coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment, to provide coverage for prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered as medical benefits. Senate -Com / HR
- S1109 Drug Donation** - Establishes a program under the Board of Pharmacy to which pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes and drug manufacturers and distributors could donate legend drugs to qualifying community health centers and free clinics. The community health centers and free clinics that elect to participate in this program would, in turn, be allowed to dispense those drugs, pursuant to valid prescriptions, to medically indigent patients. *Note: committee hearing scheduled 3/3.* Senate - 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 - Finance

H/W - Health & Welfare

JFAC - Joint Finance & Appropriation Committee

Jud - Judiciary, Rules & Administration

Loc Gov - Local Government

Res/Con - Resources & Conversation

Res/Env - Resources & Environment

Rev/Tax - Revenue & Taxation

St Aff - State Affairs

Transp - Transportation & Defense

W/M - Way and Means

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