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Idaho Legislature

Higher Education Report Card

2020

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Process Summary

The student governments of multiple public colleges and universities in the state of Idaho have come together to continue evaluating legislators' voting records pertaining to higher education. The schools involved for the 2020 process were University of Idaho, Boise State University, Idaho State University, North Idaho College, and College of Western Idaho. Our common interest has led us to advocate and educate students on the legislative support of higher education.

This project was started in 2018 with the goal of better educating voters on the underrepresentation of higher education at the state level. Continuing this election year, we aim to recognize the efforts of legislators supporting higher education initiatives. We believe that holding our legislators accountable will cause higher education to become more affordable, accessible, and prioritized.

We identified 27 total bills presented on the House and Senate floors in the last two legislative sessions relating to higher education. Eighteen of those bills come from the 2020 session, and the other nine originated in the 2019 session. In a group discussion, the representatives from each college (listed below) determined a score from one to five points for each individual bill. Votes on higher weighted bills had larger impacts on a legislator's final score.

For most bills, if a legislator voted against a bill or was not present for the vote, they received zero points. If a legislator voted for a bill, they received the points of the bill. If a legislator sponsored a bill, they received double points for that bill. Because the house bills H0440 and H0500 adversely affect student populations, the scoring is as follows: a vote for either bill or an absence in voting does not earn the points of the bill; a vote against the bill earns the points of the bill; and sponsoring the bill earns the bill's value in points against a legislator. The result is a percentage score for each legislator that reflects their support of higher education. The "Honor Roll" includes those legislators with a final weighted score of 85% or higher.

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Funding for higher education is always a major concern. Legislation addressing these topics was weighted accordingly. While we used public voting records to compile the data for this project, a simple “yes” or “no” vote cannot reflect legislators’ full intentions or reasonings behind a vote. We would also like to address that this project is entirely student-led, and will be subjective by nature given our status as students. Lastly, this report card is only a glimpse into the legislation introduced in the 2019 and 2020 sessions; several bills relating to higher education were introduced in committees, but did not come on to the session floors. Bills that were not presented on the session floor do not have voting records, meaning we cannot judge legislators’ support - therefore, only bills that have a voting record are included. This report card is a starting point for education on legislators and their higher education platforms. We encourage students and voters to further educate themselves on the topic and on all candidates for office.

As was hoped when created, this is a continuation of a process to open critical dialogue relating to higher education efforts and our legislators’ efforts to support them. All forms of higher education benefit the citizens of Idaho, and we would like to thank those legislators who actively support the future of our students. Our goal with this 2020 publication is to educate voters and bring light to the discussion of higher education legislation in a way that is accessible to students.

Sincerely,

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Idaho State University

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North Idaho College

Kaya Sedlmayer, ASNIC President

College of Western Idaho

Lydia Shearman, ASCWI President

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2020 Legislation

Bill No.	Bill Name	Summary	Value
HCR034	Higher Education Study Committee	Appoints a committee to make recommendations on state funding for public higher education institutions	3
H0395	Lewis-Clark College Establishment	Allows LCSC to establish graduate programs	3
H0440a	State Discrimination Amendment	Prevents discrimination against, or preferential treatment to, protected classes in public employment and education	5
H0500a	Fairness in Women's Sports Act	Bans "boys and men" as defined by physiological, chromosomal, and hormonal differences from competing in women's sports	5
H0550	Employer Tax Credit for College Savings	Establishes an income tax credit for employers who contribute to employee college savings program account	3
H0551	College Savings Account Revisions	Amends current law on college savings accounts so families can receive federal benefits	2
H0569	Permanent Building Fund Appropriations	Appropriates \$46,528,800 for the state permanent building fund, including buildings at LCSC, CSI, and CEI	2
H0594	Notice for Nonrenewal and Rent Increase	Requires landlords for residential properties to provide at least 30 days' written notice before raising rent or discontinuing lease	3
H0595	Inspections and Security Deposits	Defines walk-through process for landlords and tenants and requires landlords to show what security deposit is used for	3

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Bill No.	Bill Name	Summary	Value
H0603	Appropriations for 4-Year Institutions	Appropriates \$629,819,200 for BSU, ISU, LCSC, UI, and systemwide programs	5
H0641	Appropriations for 4-Year Institutions	Appropriates \$629,418,600 for BSU, ISU, LCSC, UI, and systemwide programs	5
H0644	Appropriations for 4-Year Institutions	Appropriates \$628,654,200 for BSU, ISU, LCSC, UI, and systemwide programs	3
S1234	Public Records Act for College Presidents	Requires that top three candidates for college president are public record instead of top five	2
S1324	Idaho Promise Mentor Program	A program for volunteer mentors to assist adults in applying for grants, scholarships, and college	4
S1367	Appropriations for Agricultural Research	Appropriates \$32,108,400 for the Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension Service through University of Idaho	3
S1382	Appropriations for Special Programs	Appropriates \$31,953,000 for the Division of Special Programs under the State Board of Education, including Scholarships and Grants	5
S1383	Appropriations for Community Colleges	Appropriates \$48,974,200 for CEI, CSI, CWI, NIC, and systemwide programs	5
S1395	Appropriations for Health Education	Appropriates \$22,218,200 for Health Education Programs	5

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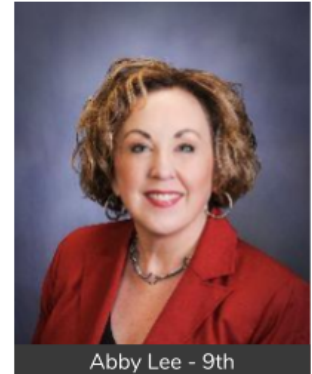
2019 Legislation

Bill No.	Bill Name	Summary	Value
H0020	Idaho State University Eames Complex	Allows \$10,000,000 appropriated to ISU to be repurposed for Eames Complex building	3
H0122	Encouraging Hemp Research	Authorizes higher education institutions to research and develop hemp production	3
H0174	Appropriation Change for Health Education	Appropriates \$235,000 for University of Idaho for Family Medicine Residencies Program	3
H0267	Appropriations for 4-Year Institutions	Appropriates \$604,248,500 for BSU, ISU, LCSC, UI, and systemwide programs	5
S1145	Appropriations for Agricultural Research	Appropriates \$32,530,700 for the Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension Service through University of Idaho	3
S1165	Appropriations for Health Education	Appropriates \$21,625,700 for Health Education Programs	5
S1188	Appropriations for Community Colleges	Appropriates \$48,606,800 for CEI, CSI, CWI, NIC, and systemwide programs	5
S1193	Appropriations for Special Programs	Appropriates \$32,025,000 for Special Programs, including GEARUP and Idaho Opportunity Scholarships	5
SCR102	North Idaho College Athletic Facility	Authorizes NIC to use \$25,000,000 from Idaho State Buildings Authority for campus projects	3

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Senate



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Senate

Name	District	%	Grade
Jim Woodward	1	87.1%	B
Steve Vick	2	71.8%	C
Don Cheatham	3	81.2%	B
Mary Souza	4	71.8%	C
David Nelson	5	90.6%	A
Daniel G. Johnson	6	91.8%	A
Carl Crabtree	7	81.2%	B
Steven P. Thayn	8	84.7%	B
Abby Lee	9	97.6%	A
Jim Rice	10	75.3%	C
Patti Anne Lodge	11	80.0%	B
Todd M. Lakey	12	65.9%	D
Jeff Agenbroad	13	81.2%	B
C. Scott Grow	14	77.6%	C
Fred S. Martin	15	84.7%	B
Grant Burgoyne	16	97.6%	A
Maryanne Jordan	17	88.2%	B
Janie Ward-Engelking	18	123.5%	A
Cherie Buckner-Webb	19	88.2%	B
Chuck Winder	20	88.2%	B
Regina M. Bayer	21	57.6%	F
Lori Den Hartog	22	69.4%	D
Bert Brackett	23	77.6%	C
Lee Heider	24	74.1%	C
Jim L. Patrick	25	80.0%	B
Michelle Stennett	26	97.6%	A
Kelly Arthur Anthon	27	64.7%	D
Jim Guthrie	28	89.4%	B
Mark Nye	29	97.6%	A
Dean M. Mortimer	30	81.2%	B
Steve Bair	31	77.6%	C
Mark Harris	32	71.8%	C
Dave Lent	33	81.2%	B
Brent Hill	34	74.1%	C
Van T. Burtenshaw	35	78.8%	C

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House



Paul Amador - 4th



Bill Goesling - 5th



Caroline Nilsson-Troy - 5th



Steve Berch - 15th



Jake Ellis - 15th



John McCrostie - 16th



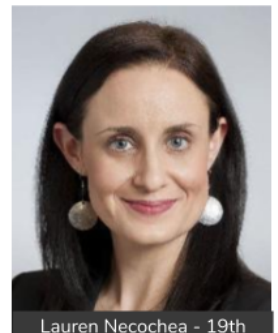
John Gannon - 17th



Sue Chew - 17th



Ilana Rubel - 18th



Lauren Necochea - 19th



Melissa Wintrow - 19th



Clark Kauffman - 25th



Muffy Davis - 26th



Sally Toone - 26th



Chris Abernathy - 29th



Elaine Smith - 29th



Britt Raybould - 34th

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Name	District	%	Grade
Heather Scott	1	23.9%	F
Sage G. Dixon	1	41.3%	F
Vito Barbieri	2	35.9%	F
Timothy D. Remington	2	36.7%	F
Ron Mendive	3	39.1%	F
Tony Wisniewski	3	35.9%	F
Jim Addis	4	80.4%	B
Paul Amador	4	117.4%	A
Bill Goesling	5	91.3%	A
Caroline Nilsson-Troy	5	102.2%	A
Mike Kingsley	6	63.0%	D
Priscilla Giddings	7	29.3%	F
Paul E. Shepherd	7	31.5%	F
Terry Gestrin	8	32.6%	F
Dorothy Moon	8	21.7%	F
Ryan Kerby	9	78.3%	C
Judy Boyle	9	38.0%	F
Jarom Wagoner	10	83.7%	B
Greg Chaney	10	55.4%	F
Scott A. Syme	11	71.7%	C
Tammy Nichols	11	32.6%	F
Robert Anderst	12	75.0%	C
Rick D. Youngblood	12	80.4%	B
Brent J. Crane	13	48.9%	F
Gary E. Collins	13	71.7%	C
Mike Moyle	14	40.2%	F
Gayann DeMordaunt	14	45.7%	F
Steve Berch	15	90.2%	A
Jake Ellis	15	96.7%	A
John McCrostie	16	100.0%	A
Rob Mason	16	76.1%	C
John Gannon	17	96.7%	A
Sue Chew	17	88.0%	B
Ilana Rubel	18	100.0%	A
Brooke Green	18	78.3%	C

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House cont.

Name	District	%	Grade
Lauren Necochea	19	90.0%	A
Melissa Wintrow	19	93.5%	A
Joe Palmer	20	43.5%	F
James Holtzclaw	20	66.3%	D
Steven Harris	21	38.0%	F
Megan Kiska	21	53.3%	F
John Vander Woude	22	60.9%	D
Jason A. Monks	22	48.9%	F
Christy Zito	23	32.6%	F
Megan Blanksma	23	65.2%	D
Lance W. Clow	24	80.4%	B
Linda Wright Hartgen	24	80.4%	B
Laurie Lickley	25	80.4%	B
Clark Kauffman	25	87.0%	B
Muffy Davis	26	96.7%	A
Sally Toone	26	96.7%	A
Scott Bedke	27	64.1%	D
Fred Wood	27	76.1%	C
Randy Armstrong	28	63.0%	D
Kevin Andrus	28	46.7%	F
Chris Abernathy	29	96.7%	A
Elaine Smith	29	88.0%	B
Gary Marshall	30	71.7%	C
Wendy Horman	30	68.5%	D
Neil A. Anderson	31	80.4%	B
Julianne Young	31	50.0%	F
Marc Gibbs	32	82.6%	B
Chad Christensen	32	32.6%	F
Barbara Ehardt	33	41.3%	F
Bryan Zollinger	33	38.0%	F
Doug Ricks	34	65.2%	D
Britt Raybould	34	85.9%	B
Jerald Raymond	35	75.0%	C
Rod Furniss	35	66.3%	D