

Idaho State Visit

The Idaho legislative session began on January 8th and will wrap up in late March. Top issues this session are tax relief, health care, changes to the legal smoking age, science standards for education, prison budget, and safe driving speeds. With the signing of the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act last December, the state is now tasked with accommodating required adjustments impacting state taxes. The [Idaho Health Care Plan](#) is still under consideration and awaiting a vote for continued discussion. For updates on these and other legislative activities in Idaho, check out the [Eye on Boise blog](#).

On Feb. 6th, the Senate passed a proclamation in honor of the 19 years of service of former Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis in the Idaho State Legislature. Former Senator Davis is now the United States Attorney for the District of Idaho since his appointment by President Trump last September. U.S. Attorney Davis was an esteemed member in the legislature as well as with CSG and CSG West. Davis was the Chair of CSG West in 2003 and Chair of CSG in 2010. [Click here](#) for additional information on the Davis Proclamation.

2018 will see a good deal of change in Idaho. Voters will elect a new governor, treasurer, and lieutenant governor, while the legislature may also see the retirement of several of its longest serving members at the conclusion of the session. Voters will also vote to fill one of the two U.S. House of Representatives seats that are now open.

During the annual state visit on February 5-7, CSG West Director, Edgar Ruiz, was interviewed by Political Science Professor and Research Scholar Dr. Gary Moncrief for Boise State Public Radio. [Click here to hear the podcast](#).

Joined by CSG West staff, Jennifer Schanze and Adrian Alvarado, staff hosted the Western Legislative Academy (WLA) Alumni lunch, CSG/CSG West leadership dinner, and a new member Meet & Greet during the state visit. CSG West staff also had an opportunity to have individual meetings with Idaho legislative leadership and other members to inform them about CSG West programs and activities. As always, it was a pleasure catching up with members and staff to hear about the session activities and issues important to Idaho.



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