

IV. LEGISLATION – POLICIES - RULES

A. Legislation – 2014 Session Recap – Information Item

Bills introduced during the 2014 Legislature that affect the Commission for Libraries or the Idaho library community include:

[SB 1228](#) **Open Meeting Law** – This is a house-keeping bill that aligns city library law 33-2606 with the open meeting law 67-2340 through 67-2347.

Currently, city library law states that meetings shall be held “pursuant to the open meeting law, sections 67-2340 through 67-2344...” Even though the current city library law does not include several sections of the open meeting law (and the new law does not take effect until July 1, 2014), city libraries are NOT exempt from following the open meeting law in its entirety. This legislation makes it clear.

Status: Governor signed 3/12; effective 7/1/14

[HB 560](#) **Local Governing Entities Central Registry** – This bill requires additional reporting beyond audits and new report requirements.

This bill requires:

Administrative information:

- Terms of membership for the governing board
- Official name, mailing address and email
- The fiscal year
- The section of Idaho Code under which the entity was established, and the date

Financial information:

- The most recent adopted budget
- An unaudited comparison of the budget to actual revenues and expenditures of the most recently completed fiscal year

Bonds or other debt obligation information:

- The cumulative dollar amount of all bonds or other debt obligations
- The average length of term of all bond issuances or other debt obligations and the average interest rate

The deadline for reporting to the Legislative Service Office (LSO) is March 1, 2015. The form and format of report requirements will be determined by the LSO. This report must be submitted annually by December 1 (starting December 1, 2015.)

This applies to **all** district libraries.

Status: Governor signed 3/26/14, effective 1/1/15

[HB606](#) **Appropriation Idaho Commission for Libraries** - This is the fiscal year 2015 appropriation to the Idaho Commission for Libraries. It caps full-time equivalent positions at 39.50. It includes ongoing 1% Change in Employee Compensation (CEC) in personnel funds, a one-time 1% increase in personnel CEC for bonus/merit, \$53,000 for the increased cost of health and retirement benefits, \$36,100 in contract inflation for the LiLI Databases, \$26,000 in capital for replacement of one car, and an additional one-time \$100,000 T&B for Read to Me mini-grants.

Compared to our FY2014 appropriation, this is a 2.5% reduction in positions (1 FTP), 10.4% increase in general funds, 1.2% reduction in dedicated funds, and 4.1% increase in federal spending authority for a total 8.2% increase.

Status: Governor signed 3/29/14, effective 7/1/14