

**IV. LEGISLATION – POLICIES – RULES - GUIDELINES**

**A. Legislation – 2016 Session – Information Item**

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Bills introduced during the 2016 Legislature to date that may affect the Commission for Libraries or the Idaho library community include:

[HO 353](#)      **Income Tax Withholding** – Amends existing law to allow certain employers to pay income tax withholding on a monthly basis.

This bill would allow certain employers that only pay employees once a month to file and remit withholding on a monthly filing schedule instead of twice a month under current law.

[HO 360](#)      **Property Taxes** – Amends existing law to remove an exception to the rule that any taxing district must be formed or organized by the first day of January in order to make a levy for that calendar year.

[HO 402](#)      **Hire Idaho Act – Public Works Contracts** – Repeals and adds to existing law relating to rewrite of the law for awarding public works contracts and to revise residence preference status.

This bill might affect libraries with bonds or plant facilities or other major construction projects.

[HO 408](#)      **Universal Service Fund** – Repeals and amend existing law to provide financial support for communication services to consumers at just and reasonable rates.

This bill would increase the Idaho portion of the USF to "extend universal service funding to high cost areas for broadband and internet communication services in addition to the funding now provided to some companies for basic telephone services." It is uncertain what impact this would have on libraries.

Yet to be introduced: Repeal of the Idaho Education Network (IEN) legislation (IC 67-5745D & 67-5745E) and adding a new section in IC Chapter 56, Title 33 reflecting the recommendations of the Interim Broadband Access study committee.