



IDAHO COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

FISCAL YEAR END

FY2026 SUMMARY REPORT

2026 Legislative Session

- Unprecedented legislative action taken to eliminate the agency and/or budget.
 - **RS33471:** House State Affairs Committee measure failed in a 7–7 tie vote.
 - **HB840:** House Revenue & Taxation Committee passed **13-2** on a party-line vote; public hearing failed to be scheduled due to insufficient support.
 - **HB0969:** Introduced **48** hours before *sine die*, failed to be heard.
- By the end of session, neither the outright repeal nor funding elimination passed.
- Agency remains with its statutory status intact and funding for FY2027.



2026 State Policy & Legislative Intern Wrap-up Report

- Attended **36** legislative hearings, committee meetings, and stakeholder briefings.
- Drafted **12** briefing summaries on Committee hearings and actions.
- Conducted policy research on bills, resolutions, and agency initiatives.
- Led the agency initiative to launch its digital presence on social media.
- Informed the State Policy & Legislative Internship program best practices.
- Completed final presentation before a **25-member** audience of elected officials, corporate sponsors, state agency partners, and community members.

2026 State Policy Summer Internship Launch

- Established a new agency internship partner with the TRiO Upward Bound Program.
- **2** rising high school seniors from Caldwell High School joined our office.
- Adapted a **6-week** summer program to include event planning and attendance, social media messaging, historical content development, and agency strategic planning and budgeting.
- Connected the Legislative and Summer interns for networking, sharing insights, and providing guidance.



2026 Health & Wellness Expo Luncheon

- Inaugural event co-partnered with the Idaho Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
- **275+** attendees connected with health & wellness providers, elected officials, local commerce, non-profits, and academic institutions.
- **36** community partners and exhibitors participated at the wellness expo.
- Panel discussion featured experts in focus areas that included health policy, health education, access to preventive care, mental health, nutrition, networking, and opportunities for collaboration.



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