



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 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 end of session, neither the outright repeal nor funding elimination passed.
- Agency remains with its statutory status intact and funding for FY2027.



Social Media Launch

- March 2, 2026 launch date.
- Cross-platform content for Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.
- Engagement grew to over **1,000** people with our first post alone.
 - **80%** of this audience included everyday people who were likely unaware of the agency.
- Reach included Gem State Housing Alliance, Idaho Departments of Education, Transportation, Technology, American Heart Association, and others.



2026 State Policy & Legislative Intern Wrap-up Report

- Attend legislative hearings, committee meetings, and stakeholder briefings.
- Draft briefing summaries on Committee hearings and actions.
- Conduct policy research on bills, resolutions, and agency initiatives.
- Lead the agency initiative to launch its digital presence on social media.
- Inform the State Policy & Legislative Internship program best practices.
- Completed final presentation before elected officials, corporate sponsors, state agency partners, and community members.



2026 State Policy Summer Internship Launch

- Assist in the planning and attend agency events, including the 2026 Health & Wellness Expo and Idaho Celebrates America250 Parade.
- Create social media content storyboarding, filming, and producing.
- Manage social media accounts and postings.
- Draft language and develop historical timeline visuals for 2027 Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Review agency short- and medium-term strategic planning and budgeting.



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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