



IDAHO LEGISLATIVE EVENT (BOISE) EVENT SUMMARY

Event Title: Idaho Legislative Event

Date & Time: March 5, 2018 – 11:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Location: Idaho State Bar Building & Idaho State Capitol Building, Boise, Idaho

Number of Students: 26 students and chaperones.

Participating Schools: Boise High School and Boise State University CAMP/HEP Students

Participating Attorneys/Lobbyists: Jeremy Pisca, Kenneth McClure, and Carlie Foster.

Participating Senate Judiciary & Rules Committee Members: Chairman Lodge, Senator Hagedorn, Senator Lakey, Senator Anthon, Senator Foreman, Senator Potts, Senator Burgoyne, and Senator Nye. Senator Lakey also made himself available after the committee meeting to speak to the students afterwards.

Summary of Events: For its Spring 2018 Southern Idaho event, Love the Law! invited students to attend its first ever Legislative event in Boise. The goal was to provide students with the opportunity to learn about the intersection of law and politics and the career opportunities that attorneys have to serve in our legislative process. The event started at the Idaho State Bar Building with lunch and the opportunity for students to learn from a panel of attorney/lobbyists about what it is like to work as a lobbyist in Idaho. Attendees then traveled to the Idaho State Capitol to attend a Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee meeting, with live testimony taken on bills H448, H447, H474, and H531. After discussion on those bills had concluded, the Committee then welcomed the students to go on record and provide live testimony to the Committee on what they had learned from observing the testimony that day. After the formal meeting concluded, photos were taken and Senator Lakey, an attorney/legislator, stayed behind to answer questions from the students. Students and chaperones then departed at approximately 3:00 PM.

Student Profiles: 12 Background Information forms were completed at the conclusion of the event. From those forms, the following information was gathered:

- **Gender:**
 - Male: 4
 - Female: 7
 - Other/Transgender: 1
- **Age**
 - 16 years old: 1
 - 17 years old: 4
 - 18 years old: 6



- 19 years old: 1
- **Grade:**
 - Junior: 1
 - Senior: 9
 - College: 2
- **GPA**
 - 3.0-3.49: 1
 - 3.50-3.74: 1
 - 3.75-4.0: 10
- **Do you Identify as an Individual with a Disability:**
 - Yes: 0
 - No: 12
- **Is English Your Native Language:**
 - Yes: 11
 - No: 1
- **Race/Ethnicity:**
 - Black/African American: 0
 - Asian/Middle Eastern/Pacific Islander: 1
 - Spanish/Hispanic/Latino/Latina: 3
 - White/Caucasian: 7
 - Multi-Racial: 0
 - Other: 1
- **Religion You Closely Identify With:**
 - None: 6
 - Christianity: 3
 - Catholicism: 0
 - Islam: 0
 - Judaism: 0
 - Buddhism: 0
 - Other: 3
- **Sexual Orientation:**
 - Heterosexual: 10
 - Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender: 1
 - Unsure or Questioning: 0
- **Political Ideology:**
 - Liberal: 7
 - Moderate: 5
 - Conservative: 0
 - Unsure or Questioning: 0
 - None of the Above: 0
- **Mother/Female Guardian's Highest Level of Education:**
 - No High School: 0
 - High School: 3
 - Attended Some College: 1



- Earned 2yr Associate’s Degree: 0
- Earned Bachelor’s Degree: 4
- Earned Master’s Degree: 3
- Earned Doctorate Degree: 1
- Earned Professional Degree (Law, Medicine, etc.): 0
- **Father/Male Guardian’s Highest Level of Education:**
 - No High School: 2
 - High School: 2
 - Attended Some College: 2
 - Earned 2yr Associate’s Degree: 0
 - Earned Bachelor’s Degree: 2
 - Earned Master’s Degree: 4
 - Earned Doctorate Degree: 0
 - Earned Professional Degree (Law, Medicine, etc.): 0

Costs Associated with Event:

Love the Law! funds were used to pay for the following expenses:

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Food (Baja Fresh)	\$ 429.80
Water bottles, nametags, and candy/mugs/keychains (thank you gifts for panelists).	\$ 42.77 (Donated by LTL! Committee member, Courtney Holthus).
Total	\$ 472.57*

The only expense paid for by the LTL! Committee was the \$429.80 in food costs. The remaining costs were donated by LTL! member Courtney Holthus. Concordia School of Law provided complimentary folders in which to place handouts as well as pens for the students.

Student Feedback: 24 LTL! Event evaluations were completed and turned in. Copies of these evaluations are available upon request from Courtney Holthus. A summary of the responses received is as follows:

What they liked best about the event: (Number of same or similar responses indicated in parenthesis)

- The attorney/lobbyist panel. (3)
- The Committee hearing. (5)
- Everything.(8)
- How civil the discussion was and how everyone had the opportunity to speak.
- Being able to ask the Senators questions. (4)
- The food.
- Being able to witness how the legislature works.



What they liked least about the event:

- How nit-picky all of the language was (about the bill process).
- Not enough information provided about the attorneys/provide info about the individuals backgrounds in the event materials.
- Wished there was more diversity in the legislature.
- Wished students could have gotten a brief of what the senate committee was and perhaps the major bills discussed.

How we can improve the event:

- Have more time allotted for the lobbyists.
- More time for discussion with the senators.
- Provide notetaking paper.
- Allow for meeting with senators before the committee meeting.
- More organized questions.
- More interaction.
- Have a more informal setting to discuss with panelists and the senators, to breakdown the authoritative barriers and help students feel more comfortable to ask questions.

Ideas for other LTL! events:

- Spend an entire afternoon in legislative committee meetings.
- Watch a trial. (3)
- More time to watch other committees or even a floor debate. (3)
- A direct Q&A with state senators and house representatives.
- Defense law.

Other Comments:

- Very fun!
- Thank you for this opportunity! I appreciate that there was time to learn and ask questions.
- This was fun and educational.
- Thank you for providing Boise High students with this amazing opportunity!
- I had a great time!
- Thank you so much for your time and this opportunity!
- I loved this event. It gave me great insight and depth on the government issues and legislative process.