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The Idaho Spending Index, launched in 2019, is a first-of-its-kind legislative scorecard that reveals how state lawmakers vote on spending bills. Those with the higher percentage scores consistently voted in a fiscally conservative manner; those with lower scores did not.

RK.	NAME	PARTY	SCORE
T1	Rep. Heather Scott	R	100%
T1	Rep. Priscilla Giddings	R	100%
3	Rep. John Green	R	98%
T4	Rep. Vito Barbieri	R	97%
T4	Rep. Chad Christensen	R	97%
T4	Rep. Christy Zito	R	97%
T7	Rep. Dorothy Moon	R	94%
T7	Rep. Tammy Nichols	R	94%
T7	Rep. Tony Wisniewski	R	94%
10	Rep. Bryan Zollinger	R	73%
11	Rep. Barbara Ehardt	R	72%
T12	Rep. Randy Armstrong	R	69%
T12	Rep. Ron Mendive	R	69%
T14	Rep. Judy Boyle	R	67%
T14	Rep. Steven Harris	R	67%
16	Rep. Kevin Andrus	R	63%
17	Rep. Mike Kingsley	R	59%
T18	Rep. Terry Gestrin	R	56%
T18	Rep. Joe Palmer	R	56%
20	Rep. Paul Shepherd	R	55%
T21	Rep. Brent Crane	R	52%
T21	Rep. Thyra Stevenson	R	52%
23	Rep. Mike Moyle	R	50%
24	Rep. Sage Dixon	R	47%
T25	Sen. Steve Vick	R	45%
T25	Rep. Gayann DeMordaunt	R	45%
T25	Rep. Jason Monks	R	45%

RK.	NAME	PARTY	SCORE
T28	Rep. Greg Chaney	R	42%
T28	Rep. Julianne Young	R	42%
30	Sen. Regina Bayer	R	39%
T31	Sen. Lori Den Hartog	R	38%
T31	Rep. John Vander Woude	R	38%
33	Sen. Don Cheatham	R	32%
34	Rep. Thomas Dayley	R	28%
T35	Sen. Jim Guthrie	R	25%
T35	Sen. Mark Harris	R	25%
T35	Rep. Rod Furniss	R	25%
T38	Sen. Michelle Stennett	D	23%
T38	Rep. Sue Chew	D	23%
T38	Rep. Mat Erpelding	D	23%
T38	Rep. Brooke Green	D	23%
T38	Rep. James Holtzclaw	R	23%
T38	Rep. Doug Ricks	R	23%
44	Rep. Wendy Horman	R	22%
T45	Sen. Cherie Buckner-Webb	D	21%
T45	Sen. Grant Burgoyne	D	21%
T45	Sen. Carl Crabtree	R	21%
T45	Sen. Dan Johnson	R	21%
T45	Sen. Maryanne Jordan	D	21%
T45	Sen. Fred Martin	R	21%
T45	Sen. Van Burtenshaw	R	21%
T52	Rep. Chris Abernathy	D	20%
T52	Rep. Elaine Smith	D	20%
54	Rep. Muffy Davis	D	19%

The Idaho Spending Index examines appropriation bills on several fronts to add important context to lawmakers' discussions as the bills are considered on the floors of the House and Senate. Among the issues we look at in drawing a conclusion about a budget:

Does the agency requesting these funds serve a proper role of government? Has wasteful or duplicative spending been identified within the agency, and if so, has that spending been eliminated or corrected? Does the budget examine existing spending to look for opportunities to contain spending, e.g., through a base reduction? If there is a maintenance budget, is that maintenance budget appropriate? Are the line items appropriate in type and size, and are they absolutely necessary for serving the public? Does the budget contemplate the addition of new employees or programs? Does the appropriation increase dependency on the federal government?

Our analysis is intended to provide lawmakers and their constituents with a frame of reference for conservative budgeting, by summarizing whether appropriation measures contain items that are sincerely objectionable or sincerely supportable.

RK.	NAME	PARTY	SCORE
T55	Sen. David Nelson	D	18%
T55	Sen. Steven Thayn	R	18%
57	Rep. Rob Mason	D	17%
T58	Sen. Lee Heider	R	16%
T58	Sen. Dave Lent	R	16%
T58	Sen. Jim Rice	R	16%
T58	Rep. Jim Addis	R	16%
T58	Rep. Ilana Rubel	D	16%
T63	Sen. Bert Brackett	R	14%
T63	Sen. Brent Hill	R	14%
T63	Sen. Patti Anne Lodge	R	14%
T63	Sen. Mark Nye	D	14%
T63	Sen. Jim Patrick	R	14%
T63	Sen. Janie Ward-Engelking	D	14%
T63	Sen. Chuck Winder	R	14%
T63	Rep. Scott Bedke	R	14%
T63	Rep. Lance Clow	R	14%
T63	Rep. Jake Ellis	D	14%
T63	Rep. Melissa Wintrow	D	14%
T74	Sen. Dean Mortimer	R	13%
T74	Sen. Jim Woodward	R	13%
T74	Rep. Robert Anderst	R	13%
T74	Rep. John Gannon	D	13%
T74	Rep. John McCrostie	D	13%
T74	Rep. Caroline Troy	R	13%
T80	Sen. Mary Souza	R	11%
T80	Rep. Paul Amador	R	11%

RK.	NAME	PARTY	SCORE
T80	Rep. Gary Collins	R	11%
T80	Rep. Bill Goesling	R	11%
T80	Rep. Jarom Wagoner	R	11%
T85	Rep. Steve Berch	D	9%
T85	Rep. Marc Gibbs	R	9%
T85	Rep. Linda Hartgen	R	9%
T85	Rep. Ryan Kerby	R	9%
T85	Rep. Jerald Raymond	R	9%
T85	Rep. Fred Wood	R	9%
T85	Sen. Kelly Anthon	R	9%
T85	Sen. Abby Lee	R	9%
T93	Rep. Neil Anderson	R	8%
T93	Rep. Britt Raybould	R	8%
T93	Rep. Scott Syme	R	8%
T96	Sen. Jeff Agenbroad	R	7%
T96	Sen. Steve Bair	R	7%
T96	Sen. C. Scott Grow	R	7%
T96	Sen. Todd Lakey	R	7%
T100	Rep. Megan Blanksma	R	6%
T100	Rep. Clark Kauffman	R	6%
T100	Rep. Laurie Lickley	R	6%
T100	Rep. Gary Marshall	R	6%
T100	Rep. Sally Toone	D	6%
T100	Rep. Rick Youngblood	R	6%

Note: "T" indicates a tie between lawmakers.

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