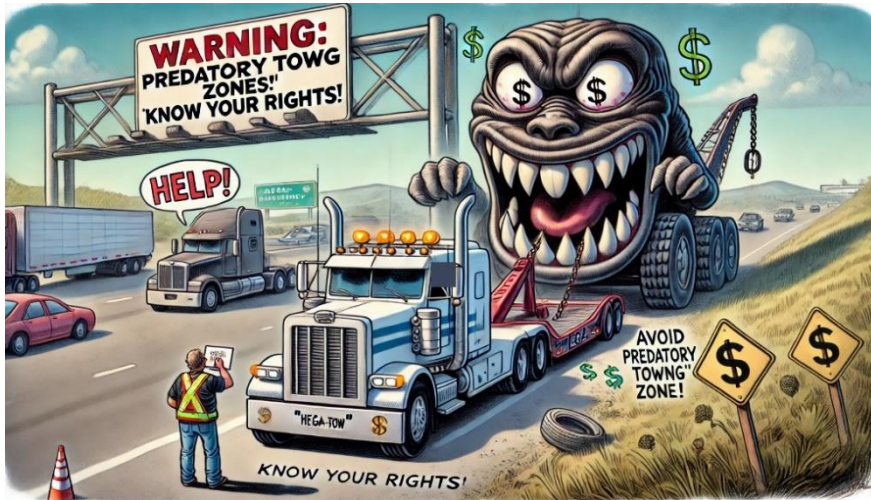


Double Clutch: The Gem State Trucking Report

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Welcome to the Idaho Trucking Association's latest quarterly update! In this issue, we're sharing how we're advocating for Idaho's trucking industry, tackling legislative and regulatory challenges, and ensuring your membership dues are making a real impact on our state's transportation landscape.

Upcoming Idaho Legislative Session 2025:



AI decided to name the big giant TOWG

Protecting Trucking from Predatory Towing Practices

ITA is excited to announce a draft bill targeting predatory towing in Idaho. Predatory towing practices—where some towing companies charge unregulated, exorbitant fees for non-consensual tows—are especially harmful to the trucking community. We're advocating for reasonable and fair towing standards by:

- Regulating towing rates to prevent exploitation
- Prohibiting hidden “junk fees”
- Implementing licensing requirements for towing companies
- Creating a towing oversight committee

Non-consensual tows, initiated by law enforcement, should not be an avenue for predatory companies to exploit trucking businesses. ITA has met with Idaho's law enforcement and other stakeholders to ensure this bill protects trucking companies and citizens from unjust practices, benefiting all Idaho citizens

Timeline:



Strengthening Load Safety Standards



Eliminating Exemptions for Covered Loads

Load safety is paramount for Idaho's roadways, and ITA stands firm on promoting safe and responsible practices. Idaho law mandates covered loads, yet current exemptions allow aggregate haulers up to 6 inches of "freeboard" space without cover, creating challenges for law enforcement and potential hazards for other drivers.

ITA is pushing to remove these exemptions, ensuring all loads are safely covered. This policy change will simplify enforcement and contribute to safer roads for the public and the trucking industry alike.

Timeline:



NON-Session Work:

Challenging Local Anti-Trucking Ordinances



Addressing Local Ordinances Restricting Trucking Access

Many local Idaho ordinances place unnecessary burdens on the trucking industry, from city permits to strict parking restrictions and limited access to essential services. These regulations often conflict with federal law, which guarantees truckers access to critical services like food, fuel, rest areas, and repairs.

The ITA recently brought these concerns to the Idaho Transportation Department and the Association of Idaho Cities. Both have agreed to review our issue with us, the ITA aim is ensuring Idaho's local laws align with federal requirements. Given Idaho's significant role in national trucking, this project is crucial to maintain fair, consistent, and accessible routes throughout our state.

Timeline: long term project



Best Regards,

Allen Hodges

ITA President/CEO

Making Your Membership Dues Count

We value every member's support and want you to know that your dues are funding meaningful initiatives that directly benefit Idaho's trucking community. Together, we are advocating for fair practices, enhanced safety, and greater accessibility, making Idaho a safer and more efficient place for all professional drivers.

Thank you for your continued trust and involvement with the Idaho Trucking Association. We look forward to working together to uphold the rights and safety of all Idaho truckers.

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