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Legislative Update
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Legislative Overview,

The federal stimulus package that was signed by the president this week will cause a slowing down of the legislative process here in Idaho. The Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee will go into a holding pattern for two weeks, to have hearings on the possible ramifications of the stimulus bill, and its impact to the state budget. The stimulus legislation does not have any dollar amounts that will be allocated to each state, not does it have the dates that the money will be allocated to the states. From education, to health and welfare, to transportation, the estimated figures of how much money may be available and what strings are attached to it remains to be determined by the details of the package.

Architecture Issues:

HB 92: This legislation is brought by the Bureau of Occupational Licenses and the Architecture Board. The purpose is to clarify that applicants may begin the examination process upon graduation and the commencement process. *This legislation passed out of the House Business Committee today, and will go to the full house for a vote later this week.*

HB 114: This legislation is brought by the Division of Building Safety. This legislation would adopt the 2006 editions of the International Building Code, and International Residential Code, and allow the board and local governments to make such code editions effective January 1 of the year following the adoption by the board. *This legislation is being held at the request of the Division of Building Safety, pending the introduction of a more comprehensive legislation by the Idaho Association of Cities.* The Association of Cities legislation will likely include the rules provision that was previously presented to the board.

We will keep you up to date as new legislation is brought forward that will be of interest to the association.

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