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**Press Release**

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**A 2023 Idaho Legislature Preview – January 3 at 7 pm**

Plan to join the League of Women Voters of Pocatello virtual forum, “2023 Idaho Legislature Preview” on Tuesday, January 3 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Dist. 28 and Dist. 29 legislators will discuss their expectations on the issues and bills that are expected to come up during the 2023 legislative session

District 28 now comprises all of Power County with portions of Bannock and Franklin Counties. Sen. Guthrie, Rep. Cheatum, and Rep. Garner represent this district. Sen. Ruchti, Rep. Manwaring, and Rep. Roberts represent District 29 which includes most of Pocatello.

**Sen. Jim Guthrie** (R), [District 28](https://legislature.idaho.gov/legislators/membership/?yr=2023&district=28) – McCammon, is in his 6th term.  He is a rancher/business owner. Guthrie will chair the [State Affairs](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/SSTA/) Committee while serving on the [Commerce & Human Resources](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/SCHR/) and [Resources & Environment](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/SRE/) Committees.

Rick Cheatum (R), [District 28](https://legislature.idaho.gov/legislators/membership/?yr=2023&district=28) Seat A – Pocatello, is in his 1st term. He is retired and serves on the Pocatello City Council. He joins the[Commerce & Human Resources](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HCOM/), [Local Government](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HLOC/), and [Revenue & Taxation](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HREV/) Committees.

Rep. Dan Garner (R), [District 28](https://legislature.idaho.gov/legislators/membership/?yr=2023&district=28) Seat B – Clifton, is in his 1st term. He is a farmer/rancher and will **be on the following committees:** [Agricultural Affairs](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HAGR/); [Education](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HEDU/); [Judiciary Rules & Administration](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HJUD/) Committees.

**Sen. James Ruchti** (D), [District 29](https://legislature.idaho.gov/legislators/membership/?yr=2023&district=29) – Pocatello, is in his 1st term after serving three terms in the House. He is an attorney and will be the **Assistant Minority Leader. Ruchti will be on the** [Commerce & Human Resources](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/SCHR/), [Judiciary & Rules](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/SJR/), and [State Affairs](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/SSTA/) Committees.

Rep. Dustin Manwaring (R), [District 29](https://legislature.idaho.gov/legislators/membership/?yr=2023&district=29) – Pocatello House Seat A, is returning for his 2nd term.  He is an attorney and will be House **Majority Caucus Chair**. Manwaring **will serve on the** [Resources & Conservation](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HRES/), [Revenue & Taxation](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HREV/), [Transportation & Defense](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HTRA/), and [Ways & Means](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HWAY/) Committees.

Rep. Nate Roberts (D) [District 29](https://legislature.idaho.gov/legislators/membership/?yr=2023&district=29) – Pocatello House Seat B, is an electrician in his1st term. He **will serve on** the Agricultural Affairs; [Commerce & Human Resources](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HCOM/); [Health & Welfare](https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2023/standingcommittees/HHEA/) Committees.

After brief introductions, the League moderator will ask questions that were sent to the panelists at an earlier date. Topics including property taxes, education funding, water, energy, healthcare rights, criminal justice, and spending federal funding will be discussed.

This Zoom forum can be joined for free by the public at <https://tinyurl.com/2fwjwsrw>.

The forum will be aired live on KISU radio station and will be available on YouTube at a later date.

The League of Women Voters is a nonprofit organization of the United States that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.  For more information about the League in Pocatello contact:  lwvpocatelloid@gmail.com

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