



2007 Legislative Issues

1. Election Reform
2. K-12 Education
3. Accessibility & Affordability of Healthcare

In addition to asking our members which issues we should investigate in this session of the Legislature, we also asked our members if we should take a longer-term, proactive approach to three issues. In each case, the membership overwhelmingly supported taking this approach.

1. K-12 Education
95% Support, 5% Oppose
2. Accessibility & Affordability of Healthcare
93% Support, 7% Oppose
3. Tax Exemptions & Credits
91% Support, 9% Oppose

Since K-12 education and healthcare were picked as both short and long-term issues, we'll watch developments on these issues in this year's legislature. If there are important, specific proposals coming forward, we'll brief and poll on them. Otherwise, we'll take time to develop a brief that looks at promising policy options that haven't necessarily been considered by the Legislature.

This year we'll also brief and poll on **overcrowded prisons**, which we chose as an issue last year.

Our full Top 25 rankings are on the next page.

Top 25 Rankings

People's Choice Poll (258 TCI members)	Average TCI Rating	4. Very Important	3. Important	2. Somewhat Important	1. Not Important	Pundits & Pols Poll (22 Legislative Leaders & Members of the Press)	Issue
1	3.26	56%	22%	14%	8%	6	Election Reform
2	3.25	47%	36%	11%	6%	3	K -12 Education
3	3.19	49%	29%	13%	9%	11	Healthcare Affordability/Accessibility
4	3.10	39%	38%	19%	5%	20	Government Ethics & Lobbying Reform
5	3.08	39%	35%	22%	4%	1	Grocery Taxes
6	3.04	37%	35%	23%	5%	21	Growth Paying for Itself
7	2.96	30%	43%	20%	7%	15	Higher Education Funding
8	2.95	34%	36%	21%	9%	17	Sales Tax Exemptions
9	2.90	27%	42%	26%	5%	9	Energy
10	2.86	29%	36%	26%	8%	2	Community Colleges
11	2.81	25%	37%	33%	5%	8	Drug Abuse and Mental Health Treatment
12	2.71	19%	38%	39%	4%	4	Highways & Transportation
13	2.63	19%	36%	33%	12%	14	Property Taxes
14	2.63	20%	38%	26%	16%	23	Air Quality
15	2.61	17%	36%	38%	9%	7	Budget Surplus
16	2.59	18%	35%	36%	11%	12	Local Option Taxes
17	2.52	12%	41%	35%	12%	18	Nursing Shortage
18	2.45	19%	25%	38%	18%	5	Southern Idaho Water Dispute
19	2.34	10%	32%	41%	17%	22	Childcare and Daycare Licensing
20	2.28	22%	20%	23%	35%	16	Minimum Wage Increase
21	1.92	7%	19%	32%	41%	25	Requirements that Trucks Cover their Loads
22	1.78	9%	13%	26%	53%	19	Gay Adoption
23	1.77	8%	16%	21%	55%	13	Abortion Limits
24	1.60	0%	10%	40%	50%	24	State Capitol Restoration
25	1.55	3%	9%	30%	59%	10	Elk Ranches & Shooter-Bull Operations