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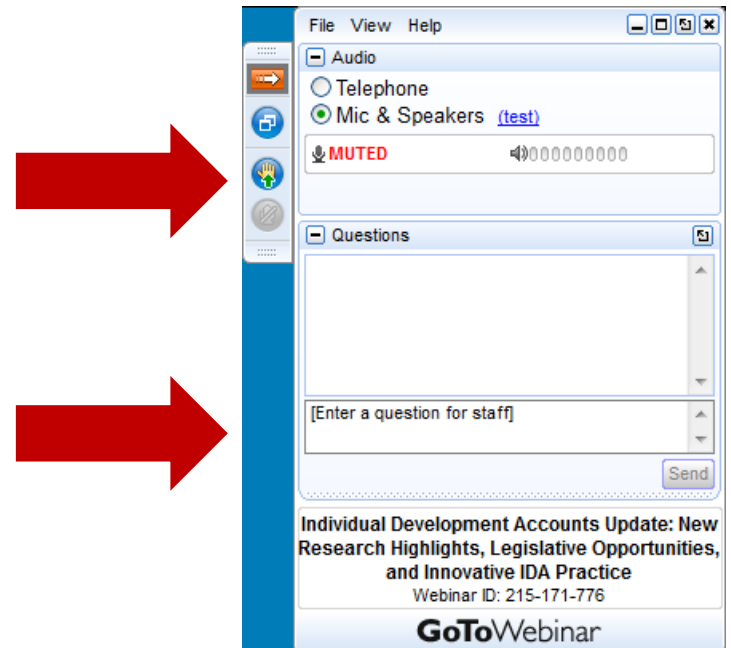
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UNDERSTANDING FEDERAL BUDGET PROPOSALS

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Introductions

Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy

- We are dedicated to providing our state's citizens and elected officials with fact-based information and analysis to help make informed policy decisions that will shape Idaho's future for generations to come



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Idaho Asset Building Network

- Our mission is to connect leaders, service providers, businesses and consumers statewide to advance policies that support all Idahoans in achieving long-term financial security



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Webinar Agenda

1. Understanding the Budget Process
2. What to Expect in the 2018 Budget
3. Potential Impacts on Idaho
4. Guiding Budget Principles
5. Now is the Time for Action!



UNDERSTANDING THE BUDGET PROCESS

Federal Budget 101

- The federal budget is a blueprint for our nation's values
- It directs federal resources to communities and has sweeping implications for our states, communities, and families
- This year's budget proposals are expected to include:
 - Large tax cuts for the wealthy
 - Massive cuts to public investments and services that support children, people with disabilities, seniors, and everyday working families

Federal Budget Process Steps



1. The President submits a **budget request** to Congress.
2. Lawmakers release their own budget plans and set overall spending levels with a **budget resolution**.
3. House and Senate subcommittees set program funding through **budget reconciliation** or **appropriation bills**.
4. House and Senate members come together to **resolve differences** in their appropriation bills.
5. The budget returns to the President for his signature before it **becomes law**.

What is Resolution & Reconciliation?

Budget Resolution

- **A plan reflecting a broad fiscal vision for the next decade and first step in Congressional budgeting**
- Passes with a simple majority
- Does not change any spending or tax provision
- Sets the “rules of the road” for budget legislation
- Authorizes reconciliation process

Budget Reconciliation

- **The fast-tracked legislative process for entitlement and tax changes**
- Passes with a simple majority and can't be filibustered
- Deals only with discretionary spending
- Congress is supposed to pass a reconciliation by April 15 but it often takes longer – the hard deadline is Oct. 1

2018 Budgeting Timeline

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Recess

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WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2018 BUDGET

House and Trump Budget Proposals

Deep cuts &
structural
changes to
SNAP

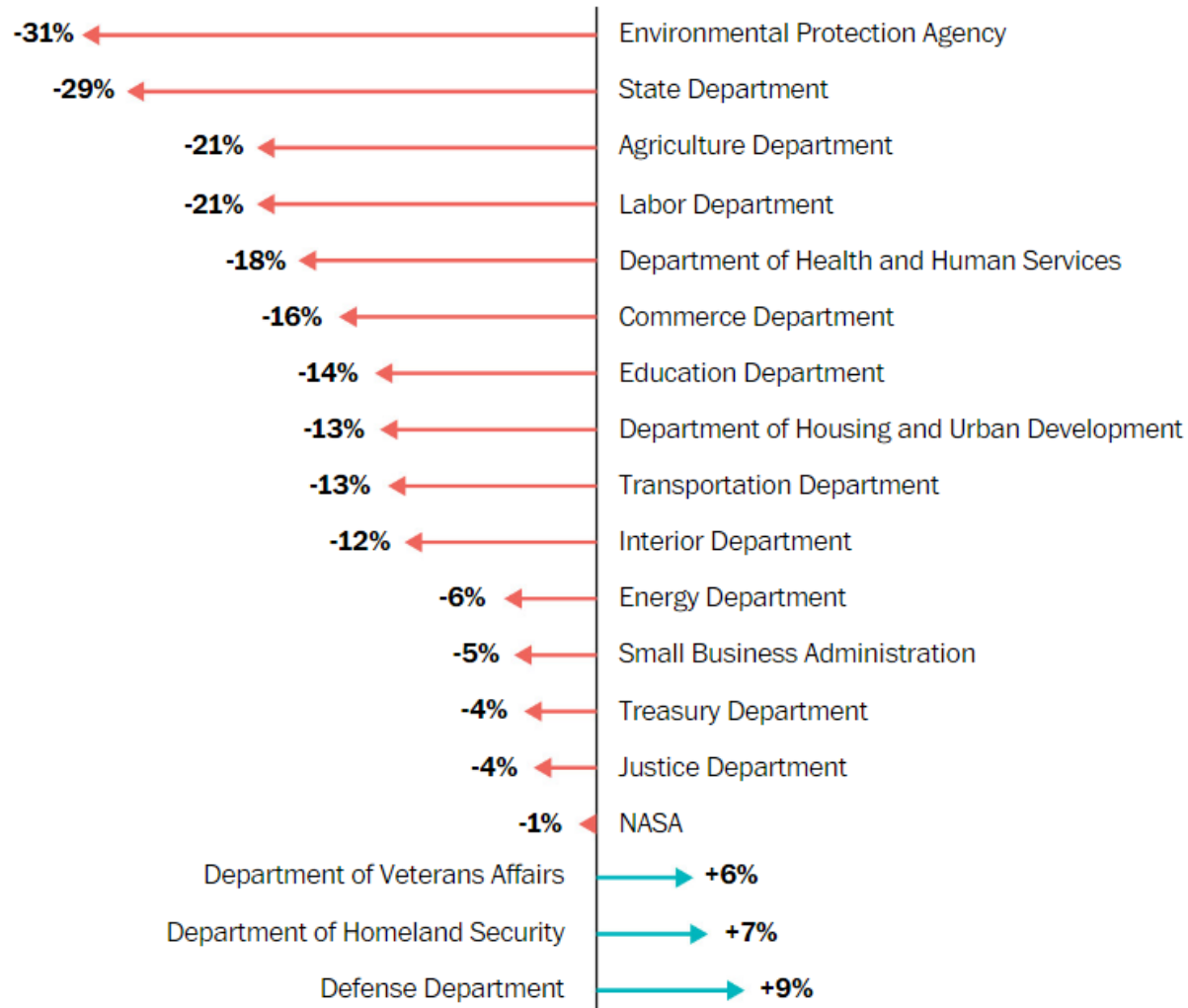
Reductions
to Medicaid

Cuts to education,
scientific research,
public health,
housing assistance,
& basic government
operations

Cuts to job
training
grants

Massive tax
giveaways
to the wealth
and
corporations

Trump's 2018 Proposed Budget



Recommended Cuts to 80+ Programs

- College federal work-study aid
- Senior Community Service Employment Program
- Job Corps
- Grants for teacher training, after-school and summer programs, and aid programs
- U.N. peacekeeping
- Development banks
- Climate-change prevention programs
- EPA
- Institute of Museum and Library Services
- NASA
- PBS, NPR
- Women, Infants and Children nutrition assistance (WIC)
- Community Development Financial Institutions
- Small-business owner loan guarantees
- Community Development Block Grant program
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Choice Neighborhoods program and the Self-help Homeownership Opportunity Program
- Section 4 Community Development and Affordable Housing
- National Institutes of Health

Attempts to Block Grant Public Benefits

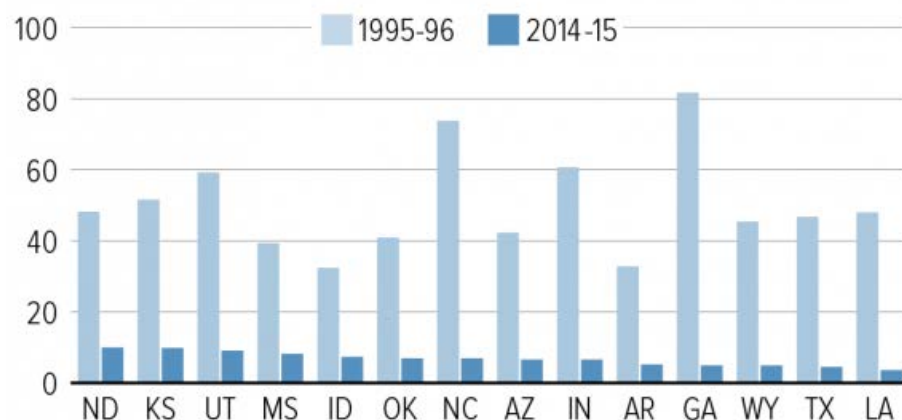
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid



- Lessons from TANF:

TANF Serves Hardly Any Poor Families in Some States

In 14 states in 2014-15, TANF provided cash assistance to ten or fewer of every 100 poor families with children



TANF = Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Note: Poor families with children received benefits under Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) in 1995-96, before TANF replaced AFDC under the 1996 welfare law.

Source: CBPP analysis of poverty data from the Current Population Survey and TANF caseload data from Department of Health and Human Services and (since September 2006) caseload data collected by CBPP from state agencies.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON IDAHO



GUIDING BUDGET PRINCIPLES

Our Positions on the 2018 Budget

Top Tier Priority

Oppose cuts in key assistance – Medicaid, SNAP, SSI, and TANF

Second Tier Priorities

Oppose non-discretionary program cuts – education, job training, economic development, and research

Oppose tax cuts that will lose revenue and benefit only the wealthy

NOW IS THE TIME FOR
ACTION!

Time is Running Out

- Congress is downplaying importance of budget process to avoid public input
- Important decisions impacting millions of Americans are being made right now
- Time is running out and members of Congress are receiving very little input



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Action Suggestions

- Earned media
 - Submit opinion editorials and letters to the editor all summer
 - We need submissions from each region of the state
- Schedule August Recess Meetings with Congressmen
 - Schedule in-person meetings at local offices and invite Congressmen to do site visits
 - Simpson (target), Crapo and Risch (secondary)
 - **We will be happy to produce talking points and handouts for your visits**
- Emails & Phone Calls
 - Start pushing regular action alerts out to your networks