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Rep. Palmer Working to Improve Your Roads and Bridges

BOISE, Idaho – Chairman of the House Transportation Committee Rep. Joe Palmer is working to provide better roads and bridges to the people of Idaho. House Bill 342, which the House of Representatives passed today, is a comprehensive solution to address the needs of the state and local highway districts. It would ensure more funds go to critical transportation projects across Idaho, all without raising your taxes.

“Idaho’s population is exploding, but to maintain our high quality of life, we must manage our growth by providing for smart investments in our infrastructure, especially transportation,” said Chairman Palmer. “This legislation allows growth to help pay for itself by funding transportation needs, which are essential for the economic prosperity Idaho continues to enjoy.”

House Bill 342 does not raise your taxes. Instead, it uses sales tax already being collected and increases the distribution of that tax to transportation from 1% to 4.5% with 3% going to the state and 1.5% to local districts. It would also allow locals to pool funds for larger projects.

The Bill now heads to the Senate for consideration.

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