

Dear Senators HEIDER, Souza, Jordan, and
Representatives WOOD, Packer, Chew:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the Bureau of Occupational Licenses - Occupational Therapists & Occupational Therapy Assistants: IDAPA 24.06.01 - Rules for the Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants (Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 24-0601-1701).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 11/08/2017. If a meeting is called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 12/08/2017.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement, and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4834, or send a written request to the address on the memorandum attached below.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and the House Health & Welfare Committee

FROM: Senior Legislative Research Analyst - Kristin Ford

DATE: October 20, 2017

SUBJECT: Bureau of Occupational Licenses - Occupational Therapists & Occupational Therapy Assistants

IDAPA 24.06.01 - Rules for the Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants
(Fee Rule) - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 24-0601-1701)

The Bureau of Occupational Licenses submits notice of proposed rulemaking relating to the Rules of the Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants. The proposed rule reduces the fees for the initial licensure, active license renewal and inactive license renewal for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants. The Bureau states that negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because the proposed changes were discussed at noticed, open meetings of the Board. The proposed rule appears to be within the Board's statutory authority pursuant to section 54-3712, Idaho Code.

cc: Bureau of Occupational Licenses - Occupational Therapists & Occupational Therapy Assistants
Tana Cory

IDAPA 24 – BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

24.06.01 – RULES FOR THE LICENSURE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS

DOCKET NO. 24-0601-1701 (FEE RULE)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 54-3712, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 18, 2017.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The Occupational Therapy Licensure Board operates primarily on fees collected from licensees. It is recommended that boards maintain a balance equivalent to 100-150% of their annual budget. The Occupational Therapy Licensure Board's balance exceeds that amount. Accordingly, the rule lowers fees and leaves more money in the hands of licensees.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased:

Rule 41 reduces the initial licensure fee for occupational therapists from \$100 to \$80 and occupational therapy assistants from \$75 to \$60. It reduces the active license renewal fee for occupational therapists from \$55 to \$40 and occupational therapy assistants from \$35 to \$30. It also reduces the inactive license renewal fee for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants from \$25 to \$20.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was not conducted because the proposed changes to these rules were discussed during noticed, open meetings of the Board.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Dicsie Gullick at (208) 334-3233.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 25, 2017.

DATED this 1st day of September, 2017.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF FEE DOCKET NO. 24-0601-1701
(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)

041. FEES.

- 01. Fees.** Necessary fees shall accompany applications. Fees shall not be refundable. (3-29-10)
- 02. Initial Licensure.** The fee for initial licensure of occupational therapists shall be ~~one hundred eighty~~ dollars (~~\$10080~~) and the fee for occupational therapy assistants shall be ~~seventy-five sixty~~ dollars (~~\$7560~~).
(4-6-15)()
- 03. Limited Permit or Temporary License.** The fee for a limited permit or temporary license shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25). (4-6-15)
- 04. Active License Renewal Fee.** The annual renewal fee for an active license shall be ~~fifty-five~~ ~~forty~~ dollars (~~\$5540~~) for occupational therapists and thirty ~~five~~ dollars (~~\$3530~~) for occupational therapy assistants.
(4-6-15)()
- 05. Reinstatement Fee.** The fee to reinstate an expired license is as provided in Section 67-2614, Idaho Code. (3-24-16)
- 06. Inactive License Renewal Fee.** The annual renewal fee for an inactive license shall be twenty ~~five~~ dollars (~~\$2520~~) for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.
(4-6-15)()
- 07. Inactive to Active License Fee.** The fee for reinstating an inactive license to an active license is the difference between the current inactive and active license renewal fees. (4-7-11)

PROPOSED RULE COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Section 67-5223(3), Idaho Code, requires the preparation of an economic impact statement for all proposed rules imposing or increasing fees or charges. This cost/benefit analysis, which must be filed with the proposed rule, must include the reasonably estimated costs to the agency to implement the rule and the reasonably estimated costs to be borne by citizens, or the private sector, or both.

Department or Agency: Bureau of Occupational Licenses

Agency Contact: Dicsie Gullick **Phone:** 208 334-3233

Date: September 1, 2017

IDAPA, Chapter and Title Number and Chapter Name:

IDAPA 24.06.01 – Rules for the Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants

Fee Rule Status: X **Proposed** **Temporary**

Rulemaking Docket Number: 24-0601-1701

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT:

This fee rule will have no impact on the general fund. It is estimated that the impact on the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses' dedicated fund will be a reduction of approximately \$12,095.00 per year.