



IDAHO LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OVERVIEW

Changes Made by House Bill 206a

- Cleaner, simpler definitions for the types of rules and what it means to adopt a rule.
- It is now stated in Code that standing committees “**shall**” review administrative rules germane to the committee. Previously, it was stated that committees “**may**” review such rules.
- When rejecting a rule, the Legislature must now make a “**finding of fact**” as to why the rule does not meet the legislative intent of the enabling statute. Previously, the Legislature needed only to state that the rule did not meet legislative intent.
- Agencies are now required to allow public testimony on their administrative rules proposals via video conference or telephone, and beginning in 2026, agencies must post a recording of a public hearing on an administrative rule on the agency’s website for at least three years.
- Requires that all administrative rules reviewed by the Legislature, including non-fee rules, must be approved by a concurrent resolution in order to take effect. Previously, non-fee rules would take effect automatically upon sine die unless rejected via passage of a concurrent resolution.
- Eliminates the requirement that all administrative rules will expire unless extended by the Legislature.
- Beginning in 2026, the Legislature will periodically review all existing administrative rules on a staggered, eight-year schedule.



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Overview of Rules Review Process

