

MINUTES
HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
TROY SUBCOMMITTEE
Administrative Rules

- DATE:** Monday, February 01, 2016
- TIME:** Upon Adjournment of the Full Committee
- PLACE:** Room EW41
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Troy, Representatives Kauffman, DeMordaunt, Hixon, Smith
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Palmer
- GUESTS:** Steve Keys, DPS; Jason Blais, City of Boise; Michael Larsen, Dept. of Finance; Knute Sandahl, State Fire Marshall; Dennis Stevensen, Rules Coordinator; Teri Ottens, ID Assoc. of Mortgage Professionals
- Chairman Troy** called the meeting to order at 1:52 p.m.
- DOCKET NO.
10-0101-1501:** **Keith Simila**, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors presented **Docket No. 10-0101-1501** regarding the Board's Rules of Procedure. Mr. Simila stated one of the changes allows engineering and surveying students easier access to the first examination needed for licensure. A student can now take the exam before applying to the Board. A technical correction was made to clarify the rule and reflect the removal of examination and reexamination fees as well as clarification of the fees for reinstatement of licenses and related late fees.
- The rule will also update the definition of land surveying. The definition now includes all types of surveying where the previous definition was limited to property boundary surveying. The rule change reduces the boundary experience to two years and allows other surveying experience to count towards the four year total. The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) changed the engineering educational requirements to align with the national accrediting standards. A new section was added to bring clarity to the requirements for reinstating a retired or expired license. In response to questions from the committee, **Mr. Simila** acknowledged that the number of people going into the field of surveying is declining. With the rule changes, boundaries to education and employment will be reduced.
- MOTION:** **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 10-0101-1501** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO.
10-0104-1501:** **Keith Simila**, Executive Director, Idaho Board of Licensure of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors presented **Docket No. 10-0104-1501** relating to the Board's Rules of Continuing Professional Development (CPD). The purpose of the rule is to remove obsolete language, improve readability, clarify CPD requirements related to licensure reinstatement, and to allow the use of a national register to make it easier for licensees in multiple states to keep track of CPD requirements and records.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 10-0104-1501** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 07-0203-1501: **Steve Keys**, Deputy Administrator of Operations, Division of Building Safety presented **Docket No. 07-0203-1501** regarding a fee change from \$38 to \$65 for circumstances where only a sewer or water line installation is being inspected. The \$38 fee was well below the cost of providing the inspection in virtually all areas of Idaho. In response to questions from the committee, Mr. Keys stated most costs of the inspection are from travel expenses to and from the inspection site. He also stated about 65-70% of inspections are for both sewer and water lines. The person responsible for the fee is the person who takes out the permit. The cost of the inspection is 95% travel and 5% inspection time and it does not take much more time to inspect both the water and sewer lines. Mr. Keys turned the time over to **John Nielson**, Plumbing Program Manager, Division of Building Safety to answer a question regarding the fees. There is a standard fee of \$65 for most inspections in other areas. For the last seven years they had \$38 for water line and \$38 for sewer line inspection or \$65 for both. They were losing money with travel costs. There is no jurisdiction for a plumbing inspector, therefore travel is a large cost.

MOTION: **Rep. DeMordaunt** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 07-0203-1501** to the full committee. **Rep. Hixon** invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest due to his real estate company hiring inspections, but will vote on the motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hixon** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

DOCKET NO. 07-0301-1502: **Steve Keys**, Deputy Administrator of Operations, Division of Building Safety presented **Docket No. 07-0301-1502** regarding a Pending Fee Rule brought forward in response to requests from state universities and colleges that allows the institution to purchase one annual building permit which would cover all the minor alteration projects conducted by the staff during the year. The fees for inspection work are calculated on an hourly basis. In response to questions from the committee, Mr. Keys confirmed the definition of minor alteration is standard. Some examples are changing a door or window. This change allows the institution and inspector to streamline the process and reduce paperwork.

MOTION: **Rep. Smith** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 07-0301-1502** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 07-0301-1501: **Steve Keys**, Deputy Administrator of Operations, Division of Building Safety presented **Docket No. 07-0301-1501** regarding Idaho Building Code Board and changes to the building code. These changes include fire alarm requirements in educational facilities, requirements for fire-resistance walls separating townhouse units and amending the Energy Code to make buildings that are heated or cooled exclusively to maintain operating temperature of equipment to be exempt from the Energy Code. Time was turned over to **Jason Blais**, City of Boise, regarding questions about townhouse walls. He clarified which situations that would differentiate wall thicknesses. These changes were made in collaboration with the Idaho Building Code Board.

MOTION: **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 07-0301-1501** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 12-0110-1501: **Michael Larsen**, Consumer Finance Bureau Chief, Idaho Dept. of Finance presented **Docket No. 12-0110-1501** regarding the Idaho Residential Mortgage Practices Act. This rule would promote consistent, uniform and familiar industry standards in the marketplace by updating references to federal law and regulations (Truth-in-Lending Act and Regulation Z and X.) It reduces redundant disclosures and paperwork and streamlines forms. **Teri Ottens**, Idaho Assoc. of Mortgage Professionals, stood in support the docket.

MOTION: **Rep. Smith** made a motion to recommend approval of **Docket No. 12-0110-1501** to the full committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Representative Troy
Chair

Michele Jarvis
Secretary