

MINUTES  
**HOUSE BUSINESS COMMITTEE**  
**KAUFFMAN SUBCOMMITTEE**  
Rules

- DATE:** Thursday, January 22, 2015
- TIME:** 8:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW42
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Kauffman, Representatives Palmer, Thompson, Dixon, Smith
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Rep. Palmer
- GUESTS:** Steve Keys, DBS; Arlan Smith, DBS; Dan Hunter, Canyon County; Jason Blais, City of Boise; Brad Hunt, O.A.R.C.
- Chairman Kauffman** called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.
- DOCKET NO. 07-0103-1401:** **Steve Keys**, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Building Safety, presented **Docket No. 07-0103-1401** which reflects the decision of the Idaho Electrical Board to assure all workers registering as apprentices in Idaho are actually engaged in learning the electrical trade. He said historically there has been a problem with journeymen employed by out-of-state contractors coming into Idaho for a specific project and registering as apprentices to avoid taking the Idaho exam for licensure. This proposed rule closes that loophole by requiring all applicants for apprentice registration to disclose any previous journeyman or master electrician license they may have been granted.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Smith** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 07-0103-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 07-0107-1401:** **Steve Keys**, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Building Safety, presented **Docket No. 07-0107-1401** which changes the requirements of a journeyman or master electrician to have twenty-four hours of continuing education to qualify for renewal of his or her license every three years. He said currently an applicant for renewal must provide proof of having completed 16 hours of code update training, and eight hours of industry-related training. This docket changes the requirement to eight hours of code update, eight hours of code-related, and retains the current eight hours of industry-related training. The genesis of the change is recognition that 16 hours of code update training may be excessive when the new edition of the code does not contain many changes; this change would, however, allow the applicant to apply an additional eight hours of code update training as code-related.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Dixon** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 07-0107-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 07-0111-1401:** **Steve Keys**, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Building Safety, presented **Docket No. 07-0111-1401** which is patterned after a previously approved rule from the plumbing board to authorize the imposition of a civil penalty should an applicant for an electrical apprentice registration fail to disclose previous licensure as a journeyman or master electrician in another jurisdiction. He said the proposal was widely vetted at board meetings without a separate negotiated rulemaking process.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Smith** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 07-0111-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 07-0301-1401:** **Steve Keys**, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Building Safety, presented **Docket No. 07-0301-1401** which addresses the deterioration of air quality in homes resulting from the improvements in the sealing of building envelopes to conform to energy code requirements. He said the Building Code Board and industry participants determined mechanical ventilation should be required in all dwellings where air changes an average of less than five air changes per hour. Over the last year, extensive testing determined the average new home changes air three and a half times per hour. This docket establishes a requirement for mechanical ventilation in all dwellings where the air infiltration rate is less than five air changes per hour. As a result, virtually all new dwellings will require mechanical ventilation to assure healthy indoor air quality. He said, there is also an incidental change in the elimination of a provision limiting the exemption from permitting a fence to fences of six feet in elevation, and restoring the base code language which exempts fences up to seven feet high.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Thompson** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 07-0301-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 07-0301-1402:** **Steve Keys**, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Building Safety, presented **Docket No. 07-0301-1402** which corrects an error made in the adoption of the requirements for lodging houses in the rule adopted last year. The current language limits the maximum guest room count at three rooms, but was intended to limit the guest rooms to a maximum of five when applying an exemption from the installation of fire sprinklers. This docket replaces a temporary rule put in place following last year's session.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Smith** made a motion to recommend the full committee approve **Docket No. 07-0301-1402**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 AM.

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Representative Kauffman  
Chair

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Francoise Cleveland  
Secretary