

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS25647C1**

This proposal clarifies and cleans up a number of statutes in Title 54, Chapter 10, Idaho Code, related to electrical installations and electricians. The proposal clarifies that the Electrical Board may amend the National Electric Code (NEC) through negotiated rule making; it updates language to reflect proper terminology of permits, as well as an on-line permit process; it provides licensing authority for facility accounts for employers who perform their own electrical installations; allows the Electrical Board to create exemptions for certain types of electrical connections prior to inspections; clarifies the scope of the licensure exemption for maintenance work and HVAC installers; and properly identifies the term industrial "machinery." The purpose of this proposal is to align the statutes with current (online) technology, and Division of Building Safety policies and rules. It will help to alleviate confusion between the statutes, rules and policies that are dictated by the DBS technology and online permit process. It provides the Board and DBS with more clear authority to do what it has traditionally been doing.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

There is not expected to be any significant fiscal impact to the state General Fund or the dedicated electrical fund, or to the electrical industry. This is due to the fact that the proposal simply more clearly aligns the statutory language with current practices and terminology. A component of the proposal would provide the Electrical Board the authority to allow for specific types of electrical installations to be connected or energized prior to inspections. This is expected to save persons in the electrical industry time and money by not having to wait for inspections to be conducted, as well as protects against the possibility of property loss due to the possibility of unavailable electricity. The provisions providing for "facility accounts" will require such employer entities to pay a similar licensing fee as electrical contractors within the industry. Currently the DBS registers facility accounts without cost.

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