

DRAFT letter to Dept. of Rules Administration 1/30/18

Dear Mr. Stevenson,

As members of the Senate Health and Welfare committee, we would like to request alternative formatting of the rules brought before our committee if they fit in either of these two categories:

1. A new section of rules replaces a deleted section
2. Incorporated by reference

On the first request, because we realize there is a per page cost factor, we would ask that for any new section of rule that replaces a deleted section, the published new section in the rule book would have new language as underlined. We also ask that a separate, integrated, color-coded working copy including the strikethrough language (blue), the retained language (black), new language (red), and text added to a pending rule (red double underlined), be given to our committee.

For the second request, any rule that is incorporated by reference should be accompanied by a synopsis of all significant changes. We also want to know if the incorporations are each mandated or if any changes are optional. Specifically, when rules are presented, agencies should identify federal conformity as well as any, and all, state discretion within the rule. For example, when complying with federal law or rule changes, review might prompt minor changes at the state level (access changes, fee changes, population outreach, etc.). These changes may seem minor in scope, but still should be identified as part of the rule approval process.

Our goal in this effort is to improve communication with those presenting rules before our committee and encourage a successful process for all.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests,

Senate Health and Welfare Committee