

Dear Senators VANORDEN, Bjerke, Wintrow, and
Representatives VANDER WOUDE, Erickson, Rubel:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board:

IDAPA 24.23.01 - Rules of the Speech, Hearing, and Communication Services Licensure Board (Fee Rule)-Proposed Rule (Docket No. 24-2301-2501).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 11/24/2025. If a meeting is called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 12/22/2025.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement, and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4854, or send a written request to the address on the memorandum attached below.



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Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and the House Health & Welfare Committee

FROM: Division Manager - Matt Drake

DATE: November 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board

IDAPA 24.23.01 - Rules of the Speech, Hearing, and Communication Services Licensure Board (Fee Rule)-
Proposed Rule (Docket No. 24-2301-2501)

Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - Speech, Hearing, and Communication Services Licensure Board - submits Notice of Rulemaking regarding the Rules of the Speech, Hearing, and Communication Services Licensure Board. The Division states that the rule adds a license type for Sign Language Video Interpreting and an accompanying fee as required by Section 54-2916B, Idaho Code. The Division further states that the rules add an equivalency option for required exams for Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensure. The proposed changes include a new license type with an accompanying fee, an equivalency option for a required exam, and provide that annual fees may be aggregated for biennial licensure.

Negotiated Rulemaking / Fiscal Impact

Negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The rulemaking is not anticipated to have an impact on the state General Fund. However, the proposed rule adds a new license type with associated fees.

Statutory Authority

The rulemaking appears to be within the statutory authority granted to the Division pursuant to Sections 54-2910, 54-2916, 54-2916B, and 54-2921, Idaho Code.

cc: Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board

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Per the Idaho Constitution, all administrative rules may be reviewed by the Legislature during the next legislative session. The Legislature has 3 options with this rulemaking docket: **1)** Approve the docket in its entirety; **2)** Reject the docket in its entirety; or **3)** Reject the docket in part.

IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

24.23.01 – RULES OF THE SPEECH, HEARING, AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES LICENSURE BOARD

DOCKET NO. 24-2301-2501 (FEE RULE)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with [Section 67-5221\(1\)](#), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant [Section 54-2910\(3\)](#), Idaho Code and [Section 54-2916B\(1\)](#), Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 15, 2025.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

This rule adds a license type for Sign Language Video Interpreting, and accompanying fee, as required by [Section 54-2916B](#), Idaho Code. Additionally, the Board seeks to add an equivalency option for required exams for Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensure.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased:

The Board selected the fee amount (\$150 per five interpreters) to allow the Board to keep the expected cash balance while continuing to deliver the necessary services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state General Fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking:

No fiscal impact on the state General Fund will occur as a result of these changes.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to [Section 67-5220\(1\)](#), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the August 6, 2025 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Vol. 25-8, Pages 167-168](#).

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to [Section 67-5229\(2\)\(a\)](#), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Kolby Reddish, Chief Legal Counsel, at (208) 577-2519.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October, 22, 2025.

DATED this 13th day of August, 2025.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF FEE DOCKET NO. 24-2301-2501
(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)

24.23.01 – RULES OF THE SPEECH, HEARING, AND COMMUNICATION
SERVICES LICENSURE BOARD

100. LICENSURE.

- 01. Audiologist Licensure.** (3-28-23)
- a.** Approved Examination. Pass the audiology examination given by PRAXIS. (3-28-23)
- b.** Approved Experience. Successfully complete a supervised academic clinical practicum as part of a doctoral program that satisfies Section 54-2912(b), Idaho Code, or supervised postgraduate experience that is substantially equivalent to such a practicum. An applicant who has insufficient supervised experience as part of the doctoral program may obtain the necessary experience under a provisional permit as provided in these rules. (3-28-23)
- 02. Speech Language Pathologist Licensure.** (3-28-23)
- a.** Approved Examination. Pass an examination in speech-language pathology given by PRAXIS. (3-28-23)
- b.** Approved Supervised Experience. Satisfactorily complete the supervised postgraduate experience approved by the Board as follows: (3-28-23)
- i.** Complete a minimum of three hundred fifty (350) hours of clinical practicum under the supervision of a licensed speech language pathologist. (3-28-23)
- ii.** Complete thirty-six (36) weeks of supervised clinical fellowship. (3-28-23)
- 03. Speech Language Pathologist Assistant Licensure.** All applicants for licensure as a speech-language pathologist assistant must comply with the following education and examination requirements: (3-28-23)
- a.** Approved Education. An associate degree from a nationally accredited school of speech-language pathology with a curriculum approved by the Board. (3-28-23)
- b.** Approved Examination. Pass an examination in speech-language pathology assistant offered by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. (3-28-23)
- c.** Supervision. A speech-language pathologist assistant must work under the supervision of a speech-language pathologist. (3-28-23)
- 04. Hearing Instrument Specialist Licensure.** (3-28-23)
- a.** Approved Education. A high school diploma or GED. (3-28-23)
- b.** Approved Examination. Pass the ~~national~~ International Hearing Instrument Studies examination and the practical examination, or equivalent approved by the Board. (~~3-28-23~~)()
- 05. Sign Language Interpreter Licensure.** (3-28-23)

- a.** Education. Possess a high school diploma or the equivalent. (3-28-23)
- b.** Examination or certification. Pass written and practical or performance competency examination approved by the Board or hold a current certification approved by the Board. (3-28-23)
- i.** Written examinations approved by the Board include but are not limited to: The Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA), any interpreting generalist written examination developed by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), the Center for Assessment of Sign Language Interpreters (CASLI), or any state government. (3-28-23)
- ii.** Practical or performance examinations approved by the Board include but are not limited to: any practical or performance general interpreting examination recognized by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) or the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) at score 4.0 or above. The practical or performance examination must have been passed within ten (10) years before the date of original application for licensure. (3-28-23)
- iii.** Certifications approved by the Board include, but are not limited to, those administered by: Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID); National Association of the Deaf (NAD); Center for Assessment of Sign Language Interpreters (CASLI); Board for Evaluation of Interpreters (BEI) at basic level or above, or if certified before 2014, at intermediate level or above; Utah Interpreter Program (UIP) at professional or master level, or a Utah Certified: Deaf Interpreter (UC:DI). (3-28-23)
- 06. Deaf Interpreters.** (3-28-23)
- a.** Letter of Endorsement. Persons who are deaf or hard-of-hearing and are not sign language interpreters may perform sign language interpreting services in the role of a deaf interpreter if they file the approved application with the Board and include one (1) written endorsement letters from sign language interpreters licensed by the Board. Deaf Interpreters must complete this process on a yearly basis. (3-28-23)
- b.** Withdrawal of Endorsement. A sign language interpreter who has endorsed a deaf interpreter may withdraw their endorsement at any time upon delivery of written notice to the deaf interpreter and the Board. (3-28-23)
- 07. Temporary Registration for Out-Of-State Applicants.** (3-28-23)
- a.** Registration. A person licensed or certified in good standing as a sign language interpreter in another state, territory, or the District of Columbia may practice sign language interpreting in this state without a license issued by the Board for a period of thirty (30) days within a twelve (12) month period, provided they pay the required fee and meet the requirements of this section. The Board may grant an extension or additional registrations for good cause. (3-28-23)
- b.** Statement of Registration. Before commencing such work, the person will file with the Board on a form approved by the board a statement of registration providing the person's name, residence, sign language interpreter license or certificate of registration number, and the name, address, and phone number of the issuing authority. (3-28-23)
- 08. Continuing Education.** (3-28-23)
- a.** Requirement. Each licensee will successfully complete, in the twelve (12) months preceding each renewal of their license, a minimum of ten (10) contact hours of continuing education directly related to the scope of their practice and sponsored by a national, state, or regional professional association or an institution of higher education. (3-28-23)
- i.** For college or university courses that are approved by the Board for continuing education credit, one (1) semester credit hour equals fifteen (15) contact hours; one (1) quarter credit hour equals ten (10) contact hours. (3-28-23)

ii. For proctoring the hearing aid dealing and fitting examination administered by the Board, a licensee may claim three (3) contact hours per exam up to a total of six (6) contact hours during each year, provided that a licensee may not claim more than nine (9) contact hours during any three (3) year period. (3-28-23)

b. Documentation. Each licensee must maintain documentation verifying hours of attendance. This documentation is subject to audit and must be provided upon request. (3-28-23)

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

400. FEES.

1. **Non-refundable.** ~~All Fees are non-refundable. Fees are established in accord with Title 54, Chapter 29, Idaho Code as follows:~~ (3-28-23)

~~for~~ for License, Permit, and Registration ~~Fees.~~ are as follows. Annual fees may be aggregated for biennial licensure.

LICENSE/PERMIT/REGISTRATION	INITIAL FEE (Not to Exceed)	ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE (Not to Exceed)
Application	\$30	
Original or Endorsement	\$70	\$100
Provisional Permit or Extension	\$100	
Registration Out-of-State Licensee	\$10	
Reinstatement fee	As provided in Section 67-2614, Idaho Code.	
<u>Video Remote Interpreting Provider</u>	<u>\$150 (for up to five employed sign language interpreters, and for every five thereafter</u>	<u>\$150 (for up to five employed sign language interpreters, and for every five thereafter</u>

(3-28-23)()

02. **Examination Fees.** The examination fee is that charged by the examination provider plus an administration fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) when the examination is administered by the Board. (3-28-23)

PROPOSED RULE COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Section 67-5223(3), Idaho Code, requires the preparation of an economic impact statement for all proposed rules imposing or increasing fees or charges. This cost/benefit analysis, which must be filed with the proposed rule, must include the reasonably estimated costs to the agency to implement the rule and the reasonably estimated costs to be borne by citizens, or the private sector, or both.

Department or Agency: IDAPA 24 – DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Agency Contact: Kolby Reddish **Phone:** (208) 577-2519

Date: August 13, 2025

IDAPA, Chapter and Title Number and Chapter Name:

24.23.01 – RULES OF THE SPEECH, HEARING, AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES LICENSURE BOARD

Fee Rule Status: X **Proposed** **Temporary**

Rulemaking Docket Number: 24-2301-2501

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC IMPACT: