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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary & Rules Committee and the House Commerce & Human Resources Committee

FROM: Principal Legislative Research Analyst - Katharine Gerrity

DATE: September 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Division of Veterans Services

IDAPA 21.01.02 - Rules Governing Emergency Relief for Veterans (Docket No. 21-0102-1301)

IDAPA 21.01.08 - Rules Governing Veterans Recognition Fund Grant Program (New Chapter) (Docket No. 21-0108-1301)

1. IDAPA 21.01.02 - Rules Governing Emergency Relief for Veterans

The Division of Veterans Services submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 21.01.02 - Rules Governing Emergency Relief for Veterans. According to the division, the purpose of the rulemaking is to allow Native American Tribal Veterans Representatives to obtain funding from the Division of Veterans Services for reimbursement of travel expenses for one regional training conference each year in support of the statewide service officer program, in the same manner that other county and service organization veterans service officers are afforded. The division states that the rule would include Native American Tribes as an eligible organization which may send veterans service officers and representatives to training sessions administered by the division and apply for reimbursement of travel expenses for one participant to attend one training conference per year. Reimbursement would not be provided if travel expenses were reimbursed by other sources.

The division states that the anticipated cost to the general fund is estimated at \$2,500 annually. The division goes on to note that the change will have a positive impact to veterans by affording Tribal Veterans Representatives with increased opportunities for training about how to assist veterans in properly completing their claims and applications for federal veterans' benefits.

The division states that negotiated rulemaking was not conducted due to the simple nature of the rulemaking. The rule appears to be authorized pursuant to Sections 65-202 and 65-204, Idaho Code.

2. IDAPA 21.01.08 - Rules Governing Veterans Recognition Fund Grant Program

The Division of Veterans Services submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 21.01.08 - Rules Governing Veterans Recognition Fund Grant Program. This is a new chapter. According to the division, the purpose of

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the rulemaking is to provide basic administrative procedures for the award of funds from the Idaho Veterans Recognition Fund established by Chapter 7, Title 65, Idaho Code. The division states that this rule provides procedures for the application, review and award of grant moneys for programs to support veterans.

The division states that no general funds will be allocated to the program. Grant funds will be obtained from investment of moneys appropriated from excess earnings from funds maintained by the division.

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