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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Health & Welfare Committee and the House Environment, Energy & Technology Committee

FROM: Principal Legislative Research Analyst - Katharine Gerrity

DATE: September 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Bureau of Occupational Licenses - Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals

IDAPA 24.05.01 - Rules of the Board of Drinking Water & Wastewater Professionals (Fee Rule) (Docket No. 24-0501-1302)

The Bureau of Occupational Licenses submits notice of proposed rule at IDAPA 24.05.01 - Rules of the Board of Drinking Water & Wastewater Professionals. This is a fee rule. According to the bureau, the board is reducing its fees in an effort to reduce its dedicated fund balance and to convey a benefit to licensees and applicants. The bureau notes that the board is adding language to its exam fee section to equalize the fee for on-line and written exams in order to provide flexibility in processing exams. In addition, the bureau notes that the education qualification for very small water and very small wastewater system licenses is being amended to allow more training opportunities for the applicants.

The bureau states that the fee section changes will result in an annual reduction of approximately \$19,280 in the board's dedicated fund, based on the current number of licensed operators and the number of applications received last year. The bureau indicates that negotiated rulemaking was not conducted due to the simple nature of the changes, the fact that the changes benefit licensees and applicants and the fact that they were discussed in open, noticed meetings. The board and bureau do not anticipate any opposition. The rule appears to be authorized pursuant to Section 54-2406, Idaho Code.

cc: Bureau of Occupational Licenses - Board of Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals
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