

**THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF IDAHO  
BOISE**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2019-02**

**RED TAPE REDUCTION ACT**

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*WHEREAS, Idaho's strong economic growth is vital to ensuring our citizens and our children are able to find great jobs and raise their families in Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, excessive regulation at all levels of government can impose high costs on businesses, inhibit job growth, and impede private sector investment; and*

*WHEREAS, burdensome regulations continue to be a hardship for many small business owners; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho's Administrative Code has grown to 736 chapters, totaling more than 8,200 pages, and containing more than 72,000 restrictions.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, do hereby order that:*

1. *Each executive department of the state of Idaho as set forth in section 67-2402, Idaho Code, including each division, bureau or self-governing agency that has the authority to issue administrative rules shall designate an existing employee of the agency as its Rules Review Officer (RRO) to undertake a critical and comprehensive review of the agency's administrative rules to identify costly, ineffective, or outdated regulations.*
  - a. *Agencies must submit the name and contact information of the RRO to the Division of Financial Management no later than March 1, 2019.*
2. *Through the end of fiscal year 2021, prior to proposing a new rule for publication in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, each executive department of the state of Idaho as set forth in section 67-2402, Idaho Code, including each division, bureau or self-governing agency, shall submit to the Division of Financial Management:*
  - a. *A business/competitiveness impact statement that identifies the impact the proposed rule will have on individuals and small businesses; and*
  - b. *At least two existing rules to be repealed or significantly simplified, or a statement clearly and thoroughly stating why existing rules cannot be simplified or eliminated.*
3. *The Division of Financial Management shall produce an annual report to the Governor's office outlining the progress made in eliminating burdensome regulations and streamlining state government.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 21st day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.*



*Brad Little*  
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BRAD LITTLE, GOVERNOR

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LAWRENCE DENNEY, SECRETARY OF STATE