

**THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF IDAHO  
BOISE**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2025-02**

**IDAHO STRATEGIC PERMITTING, EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (SPEED) ACT**

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*WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is the least regulated state in the nation and remains committed to fostering an environment that supports economic growth and promotes responsible development across all sectors; and*

*WHEREAS, a transparent and streamlined regulatory process is critical to improving the efficiency of permitting and approval timelines, which will facilitate transformative projects, create jobs, and enhance the overall economic vitality of Idaho and the quality of life of its citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, it is essential to improve collaboration between government agencies, project proponents, stakeholders, and communities to achieve transparent, effective, and well-informed decisions that balance growth with environmental and safety considerations; and*

*WHEREAS, identifying areas of improvement within Idaho's regulatory framework and incorporating best practices will lead to a more effective and responsive government.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of Idaho, do hereby order:*

- 1. The Idaho Strategic Permitting, Efficiency and Economic Development Council (the "Council") is hereby established to support the state's goals of permitting efficiency, transparency and reform.*
- 2. The responsibilities of the Council shall be to:*
  - a. Improve early consultation between Idaho's permitting agencies and project proponents;*
  - b. Design, implement, and facilitate a coordinated permitting process that will improve transparency, predictability, and timeliness for certain projects;*
  - c. Promote efficiency and transparency through the publication of project-specific timetables with completion timelines for all State authorizations and environmental reviews;*
  - d. Increase accountability through consultation and reporting on projects; and*
  - e. Identify sections of statute or administrative rule that are duplicative, unnecessary, or unreasonably prolong the State's permitting process.*
- 3. The Council will be comprised of the Director or a designee with delegated authority for their respective agency, appointed by the Governor; and shall include, without limitation, the following agencies:*
  - a. Idaho Office of Energy and Mineral Resources Administrator*
  - b. Idaho Department of Environmental Quality*
  - c. Idaho Department of Lands*
  - d. Idaho Department of Water Resources*
  - e. Idaho Department of Agriculture*
  - f. Idaho Office of Emergency Management*
  - g. Idaho State Historical Preservation Office*
- 4. The Council shall be chaired by the Administrator of the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources.*
- 5. The Chair may add or remove members of the Council with the consent of the Governor.*
- 6. The Governor shall appoint an agency within the executive branch to manage the budget and staffing requirements to administer the work and needs of the Council.*

7. *The Lieutenant Governor may serve as an advisor to the Council.*
8. *The Chair, with majority consent of the Council, shall establish criteria for projects deemed eligible for review and consultation and corresponding procedures for transparent and streamlined coordination of applicable approval processing.*
9. *The Council may enter into and make voluntary contracts and agreements with public agencies, municipal corporations, and private parties for funding or reimbursement of staff and consultant costs.*
  - a. *Agreements shall be limited to a four (4) year term, with the option to renew upon agreement of all parties.*
  - b. *Moneys received through these contracts and agreements shall be expended pursuant to appropriation.*
3. *State Agencies may seek legislative appropriation for additional resources and administrative support to assist in the completion of the Council's mission.*
4. *The Council shall prepare an annual report to the Governor detailing the work of the Council; identifying best practices; and, if appropriate, recommending changes to policy, statutory, and regulatory provisions or processes to achieve the goals and purposes of this Act.*
5. *The duties, responsibilities, and authority of this Executive Order shall not alter any existing authorities of state agencies established by state law. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to provide or imply any regulatory authority by the Council over activities that are subject to the jurisdiction of another state agency.*



**PHIL MCGRANE**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

*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 24th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.*

**BRAD LITTLE**  
**GOVERNOR**