

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF IDAHO BOISE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2025-05

THE IDAHO ACT

WHEREAS, Idaho's economy is the strongest in the nation, and in recent years we have made historic investments in public education, transportation, water, and other infrastructure while delivering historic tax relief to the people of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Idaho continues to attract people and businesses from other states because of our relentless focus on upholding the values of freedom, limited regulation, and lean government so we can prioritize what matters most to Idahoans, with education topping the list; and

WHEREAS, with the "Big Beautiful Bill," President Donald Trump delivered on his promise to cut taxes for American families, and my administration is dedicated to right-sizing state government to make way for the tax cuts; and

WHEREAS, Idaho leaders have delivered historic tax relief to working families over the past six years – including a 23 percent decrease in income taxes and billions of dollars in rebates and property tax relief – while making unprecedented investments in school facilities, teacher pay, and literacy, demonstrating we have it all: we can simultaneously cut taxes while meeting the needs of a growing state; and

WHEREAS, Idaho public schools now receive a billion dollars more per year in funding than when I took office, and state support for Idaho public schools has never been higher in the history of our great state, with a 63 percent increase in General Fund appropriations over the past six years and remarkable gains in student reading scores over the past year; and

WHEREAS, Idaho balances its budget not just because it is the right thing to do but because it is required by Article 7, Section 11 of the Idaho Constitution, which provides that expenditures of state government must not exceed state government revenue; and

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:

Idaho will Further Improve Government Efficiency and Reduce Government Spending

- I. To ensure that state government continues to administer its business efficiently and effectively, all executive departments, offices, and institutions of the state (agencies) must follow the steps outlined below:*
 - a. review all current operations and determine if consolidation of services, bureaus, or agencies could improve efficiency and reduce overall spending. Agencies must report their findings to the Governor and the Division of Financial Management (DFM).*
 - b. submit a vacant full-time positions report in accordance with the budget development manual and reduce full-time positions that have been vacant for over six months. Reductions must be submitted in agency budget submissions.*
 - c. review and take inventory of all current contracts to identify where contract costs exceeded inflation. Based on results of the inventory, heads of agencies must provide the Governor and DFM with recommendations to reduce increased contract costs.*
 - d. review all boards and commissions, whether governing or advisory, to identify (i) the number of members serving on each board and commission; (ii) the number of meetings convened per year by each board and commission; and (iii) agency costs associated with supporting each board and commission. Agencies must report their findings to the Governor and DFM.*

- e. review internal travel policies to confirm alignment with the State Travel Policy; and report all employee travel expenditures in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 with their budget submission.
- f. identify and review all unobligated dedicated fund cash balances (cash balances) that are not critical to operations in FY 2026 or FY 2027. Agencies must report cash balances to DFM.
- 2. My administration will continue to collaborate and partner with the Legislature to identify and implement more efficiencies in state government.
- 3. I commend the Legislature and agencies for identifying obsolete, outdated, and unnecessary statutes pursuant to the Idaho Code Cleanup Act passed by the Legislature this year, and I look forward to working with the Legislature to streamline Idaho Code and further Idaho's efforts to reduce regulatory burdens.

Idaho will Right-size State Government to Match the Means of Idahoans

- 4. Except for K-12 public schools, all agencies must reduce their General Fund spending authority on file in the Office of the State Controller by three percent for their FY 2026 General Fund appropriation, pursuant to Section 67-3512A, Idaho Code.
- 5. I invite state constitutional officers, officials of the legislative branch, and officers of the judicial branch to assess and evaluate their FY 2026 General Fund appropriation to determine whether they could reduce government spending to more efficiently and effectively administer their legal duties without impairing the discharge of their constitutional duties.



A blue ink signature of Phil McGrane, written in a cursive style.

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 15th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.

A blue ink signature of Brad Little, written in a cursive style.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR