

IDAPA 18 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

18.01.62 – ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTING

DOCKET NO. 18-0162-1801

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5221(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Section 41-211, Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than September 19, 2018.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

This proposed rule updates IDAPA 18.01.62 to include NAIC Annual Financial Reporting Model Regulation #205 provisions supporting the requirement of an independent internal audit function for large insurance companies or insurance holding company groups. The requirement would apply for insurance companies with over \$500 million in annual premiums written (or \$1 billion if a member of a group). This rulemaking will require a standard best corporate governance practice to assist company management and the board of large insurers by implementing sound business practices to maintain solvency and honor all policyholder obligations.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year resulting from this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules – Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the July 4, 2018, Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Volume 18-7, page 138](#).

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning this proposed rule, contact Nathan Faragher at nathan.faragher@doi.idaho.gov, or (208) 334-4314.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the above contact and must be delivered on or before September 26, 2018.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2018.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 18-0162-1801
(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)

026. INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION REQUIREMENTS.

01. Exemption. An insurer is exempt from the requirements of this section if: ()

a. The insurer has annual direct written and unaffiliated assumed premium, including international direct and assumed premium but excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Federal Flood Program, less than five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000); and ()

b. If the insurer is a member of a group of insurers, the group has annual direct written and unaffiliated assumed premium including international direct and assumed premium, but excluding premiums reinsured with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and Federal Flood Program, less than one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000). ()

02. Function. The insurer or group of insurers shall establish an internal audit function providing independent, objective and reasonable assurance to the audit committee and insurer management regarding the insurer's governance, risk management and internal controls. This assurance shall be provided by performing general and specific audits, reviews and tests and by employing other techniques deemed necessary to protect assets, evaluate control effectiveness and efficiency, and evaluate compliance with policies and regulations. ()

03. Independence. In order to ensure that internal auditors remain objective, the internal audit function must be organizationally independent. Specifically, the internal audit function will not defer ultimate judgment on audit matters to others, and shall appoint an individual to head the internal audit function who will have direct and unrestricted access to the board of directors. Organizational independence does not preclude dual-reporting relationships. ()

04. Reporting. The head of the internal audit function shall report to the audit committee regularly, but no less than annually, on the periodic audit plan, factors that may adversely impact the internal audit function's independence or effectiveness, material findings from completed audits and the appropriateness of corrective actions implemented by management as a result of audit findings. ()

05. Additional Requirements. If an insurer is a member of an insurance holding company system or included in a group of insurers, the insurer may satisfy the internal audit function requirements set forth in this section at the ultimate controlling parent level, an intermediate holding company level or the individual legal entity level. ()

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