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Legislature Looks to Increase Transparency on Rules

BOISE, Idaho – In an effort to increase the transparency of the Administration’s rule creation process, the House of Representatives amended and overwhelmingly passed Senate Bill 1205aaH on April 10. The amendment will require that administrative rules shall be affirmatively approved by both the House and the Senate, via a concurrent resolution. In Idaho it is a constitutional responsibility of the legislature to review Administrative rules.

“Our rules govern how we do the people’s business, and lie at the heart of the legislative process. But they only require one legislative committee to become the law of the land. That’s not how a republic should work,” said Majority Leader Rep. Mike Moyle. “This is a way for the Legislature to reclaim its rightful lawmaking powers.”

Every session, the Idaho Legislature approves the ‘administrative rules bill,’ which affirms the administrative rules and allows them to be effective for another year. This session, that bill is SB1205.

“Under current law, rules that haven’t even been heard by any House or Senate Committee can be approved and have the effect of law with the passage of these annual administrative rules bills,” said Assistant Majority Leader Rep. Jason Monks. “SB1205 as amended guarantees both legislative bodies their constitutional duty to review these laws.”

“Unfortunately, the Senate chose not to concur with the House in our efforts to address our concerns,” said Majority Caucus Chair Megan Blanksma. “We look forward to working with the Senate next year to find a solution to the gap that exists within the current rules review process.”

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