

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Department of Insurance is a regulatory agency created to regulate the business of insurance in Idaho. State regulation of Idaho's insurance business began in 1901, and in 1961 the Insurance Code was expanded and recodified into Title 41, Idaho Code. When the Executive branch of state government was reorganized in 1974, the Department of Insurance became one of the 20 major departments of the Executive branch. The director of the department is appointed by the governor and is subject to confirmation by the state senate.

The mission of the Department of Insurance is to equitably, effectively, and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. The Department is organized into two divisions: the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Insurance Regulation Division. The State Fire Marshal's Office participates in and coordinates an integrated statewide system designed to protect human life from fire and explosions through fire prevention, investigation, and public education activities. The program involves fire prevention activities, fire/arson investigations, code enforcement, and the operation of the Idaho Fire Incident Reporting System. The State Fire Marshal's Office provides assistance to local fire agencies throughout the state. The Department's Insurance Regulation Division consists of the following three regulatory bureaus and one section overseen by a deputy director: the Company Activities Bureau, the Consumer Services Bureau, the Product Review Bureau, and the Information Technology Section. The Company Activities Bureau (CAB) monitors the financial condition of all insurance entities domiciled in the state of Idaho to assure that each complies with Idaho law and that the financial obligations of the company to its policyholders will be met. The CAB reviews all applications of insurers and qualifying self-funded healthcare plans seeking to do business in this state to determine eligibility for a certificate of authority to transact insurance or eligibility for registration as a self-funded healthcare plan. The CAB also collects premium taxes and audits insurance premium tax returns, licenses producers, adjusters, and third party administrators, administers the applicable continuing education program for the resident producers and adjusters, regulates title agencies, and performs market analyses and examinations of insurers and self-funded plans doing business in Idaho. The Consumer Services Bureau (CSB) researches consumer and industry complaints and provides assistance to consumers, the insurance industry, and law enforcement agencies on matters involving insurance contracts and potential violations of the insurance code. The CSB is also responsible for investigating criminal and civil violations of insurance laws and referring cases involving criminal or administrative violations of the Idaho Code to the Attorney General or appropriate county prosecutor when applicable. Also within the CSB is Idaho's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) program that provides free, unbiased information, counseling, and assistance on Medicare coverage issues to Idaho's senior citizens through a network of professional staff, over 100 volunteers, and a call center staffed to service a toll-free telephone line. The Product Review Bureau (PRB) reviews insurance policy and self-funded rates and forms. The PRB meets the effective rate review standards for individual and small group health insurance markets, retaining state-level regulatory authority. The PRB supports the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange (Your Health Idaho) in fulfilling the plan management requirements and in reviewing and certifying health plans that meet the Qualified Health Plan (QHP) standards. The Information Technology Section provides computer-related support for the entire agency under the guidance of the Deputy Director. The Office of the Attorney General provides four dedicated employees, three attorneys and one paralegal, to provide day-to-day legal services to the department.

The main office of the Idaho Department of Insurance is located on the third floor of the JR Williams Building in Boise. The department also has offices in Pocatello, Idaho Falls, and Coeur d'Alene (CdA). The department has been appropriated 73.5 FTE (full time equivalent) personnel for FY 2014. The State Fire Marshal has five FTE in Boise, two FTE in Idaho Falls, and two in CdA. The Insurance Regulation Division has two SHIBA FTE and one consumer affairs FTE in Pocatello and two SHIBA FTE and one consumer affairs FTE in CdA.

While the department collects more than \$80 million in Premium Taxes from insurance companies, none of those funds are used to support agency operations. The agency is funded entirely by fees collected for licensing insurance producers and companies doing business in Idaho.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Insurance Regulation Division – Regulates the insurance industry in Idaho and assists public with insurance complaints and inquiries, investigates insurance fraud, reviews insurer rate and form filings, reviews qualifications of insurance agents/brokers and insurers seeking licensing to do business in Idaho, reviews financial solvency of insurers doing business in Idaho, and administers and collects insurance premium tax. Title 41, Idaho Code.

State Fire Marshal's Office – Assists local governmental entities and fire districts in fire investigation and prevention activities and is responsible for fire and life safety issues in state-owned buildings. Title 41, Chapter 2, Idaho Code.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Insurance Administrative Acct	\$5,906,000	\$7,605,800	\$7,403,400	\$7,638,600
Arson Fire & Fraud Acct	\$902,200	\$876,900	\$945,500	\$963,300
Federal Grant	\$486,100	\$371,100	\$313,400	\$475,700
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$91,000	\$9,000
Total	\$7,302,300	\$8,863,800	\$8,753,300	\$9,086,600
Expenditures	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Personnel Costs	\$4,591,800	\$4,505,300	\$4,630,400	\$4,994,234
Operating Expenditures	\$2,342,000	\$2,023,900	\$2,117,200	\$2,150,864
Capital Outlay	\$181,000	\$242,900	\$142,600	\$130,261
Total	\$7,114,800	\$6,772,100	\$6,890,200	\$7,275,359

*Revenue figures for the insurance administrative account do not include tax premium revenue.

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Company Activities Bureau				
Examinations performed	8	6	6	6
Companies admitted/listed	56	54	46	34
Companies withdrawn/suspended/rvkd	18	37	50	28
Total companies regulated	2,207	2,261	2,158	2,166
Title exams performed	31	28	37	38
Premium taxes collected	\$69,319,867	\$71,874,203	\$79,466,298	\$84,000,564
Producer licensing applications received	18,048	20,813	22,354	22,559
Producer licenses issued	15,676	18,353	18,360	20,040
Continuing Ed courses approved	2,230	2,365	2,250	2,315
Consumer Services Bureau				
Consumer Affairs – Complaints rec'd	765	791	852	990
Consumer Affairs – % Closed in 80 days	94%	96%	97%	97%
Consumer Affairs – Inquiries	7,120	6,599	6,446	5,907
SHIBA – Individual counseling hours	14,460	7,442	5,981	7,249
SHIBA – Audience group sessions (live)	18,450	15,300	18,191	22,357
SHIBA – Telephone inquiries	16,759	9,459	9,609	11,860
Investigations – New cases	255	328	283	377
Investigations – Cases referred to AG (Includes Criminal and Administrative)	26	17	22	31
Investigations – Convictions	15	13	6	7
Product Review Bureau				
Policy Forms Filed	56,772	30,894	31,660	28,629
State Fire Marshal				
Fire Investigations	113	77	81	111
Fire Code Inspections	465	798	813	415
Sprinkler Plan Reviews	221	263	354	283
Classes Taught	100	77	77	57

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure		FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	Current Year
Goal 1						
<i>Company Activities Bureau: To efficiently ensure that insurers doing business in Idaho are financially sound and in compliance with Idaho law.</i>						
1. Complete the review of company applications within 30 days of date application is deemed complete.	actual	89%	95%	90%	90%	-----
	benchmark	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2. Perform level 1 market analysis for companies listed as priority 1 each year.	actual	75% *	55% *	100%	100%	-----
	benchmark	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
3. Adopt final examination reports within 18 months of the “as is” date.	actual	80%	17%	100%	85%	-----
	benchmark	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
4. Issue producer license within five business days of date application is received.	actual	95% Estimated	95%	95%	95%	-----
	benchmark	90%	90%	90%	90%	90%
5. Increase the percentage of licenses, renewals, and appointments processed electronically to at least 95%.	actual	96% Estimated	96%	96%	96%	-----
	benchmark	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Goal 2						
<i>State Fire Marshal Office: To investigate fires and assist in the prosecution of arson claims at the request of local units of government.</i>						
6. Respond to requests for fire investigation assistance within 12 hours.	actual	100%	100%	100%	100%	-----
	benchmark	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Performance Measure Explanatory Notes

* DOI began implementing a different strategy for Market Conduct in FY 2013, however staff retirements and vacancies prevented us from meeting our 100% goal in FY 2014.

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