



AERONAUTICAL ACTIVITIES

Purpose

This policy implements Board Policy 4037 concerning the operations of the Aeronautical Division.

Legal Authority

Idaho Code 21-102 – Purpose of aeronautics titles is for safety and impose duties on Department

Idaho Code 21-104 – The Department shall have general supervision over aeronautics within Idaho

Idaho Code 21-106 - The establishment, operation and maintenance of state airports

Idaho Code 21-114 – Requisites for pilots and aircraft registration

Idaho Code 21-119 – Duty of Department to enforce all aeronautic laws

Idaho Code 21-142 – General powers and duties of the Idaho Transportation Board with respect to aeronautics

Idaho Code 21-502 - The process of managing aviation hazards

Idaho Code 21-503 - The Department shall adopt, administer and enforce airport zoning regulations for aviation hazards

In coordination with the Aeronautics Advisory Board, the Aeronautics Administrator shall encourage, foster, and assist in the development of aeronautics in Idaho by:

- Developing a progressive state-wide general aviation safety program that protects and ensures the general public's safety; the safety of persons operating, using, or traveling in aircraft, or receiving instruction in flying subjects; and the safety of persons and property on the land or water in conjunction with aviation activities. The safety program is the highest priority and extends to state operations of aircraft and airports, and the oversight of aviation use by other state agencies.
- Cooperating with Federal authorities, primarily the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and other state agencies to conduct aviation education, safety, and aeronautical development programs such as:
 - Safe Pilot Programs
 - Flight Operations Seminars and Clinics
 - Aviation Conferences
 - "Fly-In" Activities
- Promulgating and enforcing rules, regulations, and procedures for general aircraft operations and airport development consistent with the safety and rights of others, and in conjunction with the laws of other states and Federal aeronautical laws and regulations.

- Establishing and operating a system for the annual registration of all Idaho-based aircraft, and aircraft dealers.
- Operating and maintaining a fleet of state-owned or leased aircraft that meet or exceed Federal Aviation Regulations pertaining to aircraft operation, so as to provide emergency response, perform specific state-directed aerial operations, maintain pilot proficiency, and transport state personnel.
- Establishing, constructing, operating, and maintaining state-owned or leased airports, including coordinating seasonal maintenance activities and expenditures for associated land requirements, buildings, and other airport facilities such as aircraft parking and tie-down spots, restrooms, including those with limited shower capabilities, picnic tables, fire rings, and overnight camping facilities.
- Developing and maintaining an Idaho Airport System to include all public use airports through planning and financing airport projects, maintaining replenishable supplies for municipal airports, and conducting airport inspections.
- Cooperating and coordinating the national system of general aviation and aeronautical activities in Idaho with various federal and state agencies, municipalities, and individuals or groups. The national system of general aviation involves a wide range of programs for search and rescue, commercial and private aviation operations, aviation education, airport development and management, aviation navigation and weather facilities, and other activities that are a part of the Federal Aviation Administration's authorized responsibilities.
- Encouraging and assisting airport owners and operators in developing, adopting, administering, and enforcing compatible land uses and zoning.

The Aeronautics Administrator shall report to the Transportation Board a minimum of once per year.

Signed _____
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