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February 20th, 2026

Board of Examiners  
State of Idaho  
Via email – [brdexam@sco.idaho.gov](mailto:brdexam@sco.idaho.gov)

RE: Tax Anticipation Note – Series 2026

Chairman Little and Distinguished Members of the Board:

Examination of the financial affairs and the budget of the State of Idaho for FY 2027 reveal that the state operating fund will at times, reach a deficit level and the receipts to this fund will not reverse this deficit.

In accordance with Section 63-3201, Idaho Code, I request authorization to issue tax anticipation notes that will not exceed 75% of the anticipated income or revenue from taxes during FY 2027.

The State Department of Insurance projects revenue to the general fund from premium taxes, fees and penalties to be \$122 million for FY 2027.

The State Tax Commission forecasts tax collections accruing to the general fund for FY 2027 to be \$5.322 billion.

Total revenue anticipated from these two sources is \$5,444,000,000. Seventy-five percent (75%) is equal to \$4,083,000,000.

In addition to the Idaho Code limit of 75% of anticipated income or revenue from taxes, the IRS has a limitation of 90% of the anticipated annual deficit for the fiscal year.

On the basis of these facts, I make application to the State Board of Examiners of the State of Idaho for immediate advance approval to issue tax anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$4,083,000,000.

These notes would be issued on or after July 1, 2026, as necessary and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 32 of Title 63, of the Idaho Code.

A resolution is enclosed for your review. If the Board approves the request to issue tax anticipation notes, it will be available immediately for signatures.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Ellsworth  
Idaho State Treasurer

Enclosures: Estimate of the Tax Revenues  
Resolution

*State of Idaho*  
**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

**BRAD LITTLE**  
Governor

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**DEAN L. CAMERON**  
Director

February 19, 2026

Merissa Landers  
Idaho State Treasurer's Office  
Delivered via electronic mail

Dear Merissa:

Our projection of revenue to be transferred by the Department of Insurance to the State Treasury for the General Fund is \$122 million in fiscal year 2027.

The projection represents net collection of premium taxes and penalties after the statutory withholdings for refunds, firemen's retirement, and the high risk individual reinsurance pool. It was developed for inclusion in our FY 2027 budget. This projection is our best estimate based on available information.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Miller  
Fiscal Officer

cc: Dean Cameron, Director  
Weston Trexler, Deputy Director  
Eric Fletcher, Bureau Chief  
Lynn Shelton, Premium Tax

# Department of Insurance

## Agency Profile

Analyst: Williamson

### PREMIUM TAX DISTRIBUTION

The Department of Insurance is responsible for administering and collecting a tax assessed on all insurance premiums. This tax collected from authorized insurers is in lieu of all other state and local taxes with the exception of real property tax (Section 41-405, Idaho Code).

**Revenue from the premium tax is distributed to the following funds:**

**Insurance Refund:** Used to reimburse insurers for overpayment of taxes, fines, penalties, etc. The amount shown is actual refunds paid.

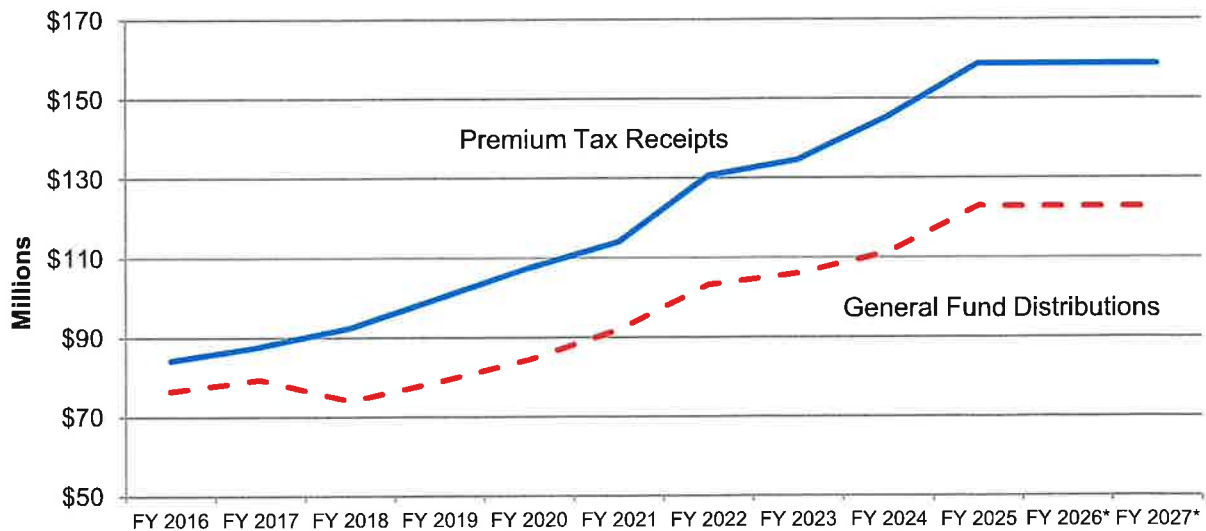
**PERSI:** Section 59-1394, Idaho Code, provides that at least 50% of the gross tax on fire insurance premiums is used to partially fund the firefighter retirement system. Currently, 50% of the gross tax on fire insurance is used for this purpose.

**High Risk Reinsurance Pool:** If premium tax revenue exceeds \$45 million after all other deductions, 25% of the excess goes into the High Risk Individual Reinsurance Pool to pay the costs associated with providing health insurance coverage to high risk individuals regardless of health status or claims experience.

**General Fund:** The balance of the premium tax, fines, and penalties, after refunds, are distributed to the General Fund.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF PREMIUM TAX REVENUES FY 2024 - FY 2027

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026*	FY 2027*
General Fund	\$111,283,100	\$122,887,200	\$122,887,200	\$122,887,200
Insurance Refund	\$9,147,900	\$8,162,400	\$8,162,400	\$8,162,400
Firemen's PERSI	\$3,888,200	\$4,544,100	\$4,544,100	\$4,544,100
High Risk Reinsurance Pool	\$21,113,200	\$23,185,700	\$23,185,700	\$23,185,700
<b>Total (Premium Tax Receipts)</b>	<b>\$145,432,400</b>	<b>\$158,779,400</b>	<b>\$158,779,400</b>	<b>\$158,779,400</b>



\*Estimate based on projected revenues and expenses

January 14, 2026

The Honorable Julie A. Ellsworth  
Idaho State Treasurer  
STATEHOUSE MAIL

**Delivered by electronic mail to: [Merissa.Landers@sto.idaho.gov](mailto:Merissa.Landers@sto.idaho.gov)**

Re: Estimated Tax Collections for FY 2027

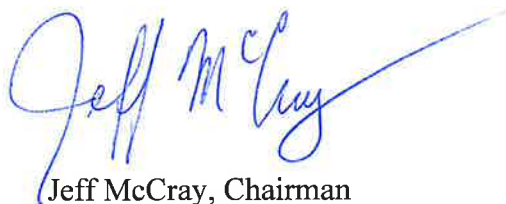
Dear Ms. Ellsworth:

The Idaho State Tax Commission's General Fund revenue forecast for FY 2027 is \$5.322 billion. The Commission's updated General Fund revenue forecast for FY 2026 is \$5.206 billion. The actual General Fund revenue for FY 2025 is \$5.074 billion.

Please be aware the Commission's forecast is independent from the Division of Financial Management's economic forecast and the forecast adopted by the Idaho State Legislature for budgeting purposes. The Commission's total General Fund forecast in and of itself is not the official forecast of the State of Idaho and is used for reference only.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jeff McCray, Chairman  
Idaho State Tax Commission

## RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST OF THE STATE TREASURER FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN A TOTAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,083,000,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF INCOME OR REVENUE FROM TAXES TO BE RECEIVED DURING THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR BY THE STATE OF IDAHO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer is authorized, pursuant to Title 63, Chapter 32, Idaho Code (the "Act"), to borrow money, on approval of the State Board of Examiners (the "Board"), for the State of Idaho (the "State") in anticipation of income or revenue from taxes, in a principal sum not greater than 75% of the income or revenue from such taxes as the State Tax Commission or any other tax collection agency certifies to the State Treasurer are to be reasonably anticipated to be collected during the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year (the "Fiscal Year"), and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance and sale of tax anticipation notes of the State; and

WHEREAS, income and revenue from taxes for the Fiscal Year have been estimated by the State Tax Commission and the Department of Insurance as \$5,444,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer has requested the Board, in writing, to approve the issuance of tax anticipation notes of the State in anticipation of income and revenue from taxes for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$4,083,000,000, which amount does not exceed 75% of the anticipated income and revenue of the State from taxes for the Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the State Treasurer to issue tax anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$4,083,000,000 or so much thereof as the State Treasurer deems necessary, in accordance with the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO as follows:

Section 1: The Board hereby finds and determines that the requirements of the Act will be met by the issuance of tax anticipation notes of the State in accordance with the written request of the State Treasurer.

Section 2: The Board hereby approves the issuance by the State Treasurer of tax anticipation notes of the State in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,083,000,000 or so much thereof as the State Treasurer deems necessary and appropriate, in anticipation of such income and revenue from taxes anticipated to be received by the State during the Fiscal Year as the State Treasurer shall designate in a plan of financing prepared and filed in accordance with the Act; provided, that the aggregate amount of tax anticipation notes shall not exceed 75% of the amount of income and revenue anticipated to be received from the taxes specified in the plan of financing.

Section 3: A copy of this resolution shall be furnished to the State Treasurer as evidence of the prior approval of the issuance of tax anticipation notes by the State Treasurer.

Section 4: The State Treasurer is hereby authorized to do all things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Section 5: This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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Governor

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Secretary of State

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Attorney General

ATTEST:

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State Controller and ex officio  
Secretary of the State Board  
of Examiners