



June 20, 2020

The Honorable Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho  
Office of the Governor  
700 West Jefferson  
Second Floor  
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Governor Little:

Thank you for your waiver request submission to the U.S. Department of Labor (Department) regarding certain statutory and regulatory provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the accompanying plan to improve the statewide workforce development system. The waiver request was received March 31, 2020, as part of your recent WIOA State Plan submission. This letter provides the Employment and Training Administration's (ETA) official response to your request and memorializes that Idaho will meet the outcomes and implement the measures identified in its plan to ensure accountability agreed to by Idaho and ETA. This action is taken under the Secretary's authority to waive certain requirements of WIOA Title I, Subtitles A, B, and E, and Sections 8–10 of the Wagner–Peyser Act in WIOA Section 189(i).

Requested Waiver: Application of WIOA Section 107(b) to allow the state board to carry out the roles of a local board.

ETA Response: ETA approves, through June 30, 2022, the State's request for a waiver to allow the state board to carry out the roles of the local workforce development boards in the State. ETA reviewed the State's waiver request and plan and has determined that the requirements requested to be waived impede the ability of the State to implement its plan to improve the workforce development system. ETA agrees that the state board is in a better position to ensure effective service delivery in the local workforce areas in the State. In implementing this waiver, the State must:

- Continue to include local input into its activities; and
- Allocate funding to the local area for which the state board is carrying out local board functions.

The State must report its waiver outcomes and implementation of the approved waiver in the WIOA Annual Report. ETA will use this information to assess continued waiver approval and to identify promising practices that may be adopted more widely. ETA is available to provide technical assistance to you in support of your goals. The Department proposed additional flexibility in its budgets for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2021 to give governors more decision-

making authority to meet the workforce needs of their states. If you have questions, feel free to contact my office at (202) 693-2772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Pallasch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Pallasch".

John Pallasch

cc: Jani Revier, Director, Idaho Department of Labor  
Nicholas Lalpui, Dallas/San Francisco Regional Administrator, ETA  
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