

VIA EMAIL

April 4, 2025

Matthew Butler
Senior Associate Commissioner & Chief Academic Officer
Indiana Commission for Higher Education
101 West Ohio Street, Suite #300
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: LSA Document #25-2/Regulatory Analysis-Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Butler,

Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-22-2.1-5(c)(2), as the Small Business Ombudsman for the state of Indiana, I have reviewed the proposed rule and economic impact analysis associated with the rule changes contained in LSA Document #25-2 (proposed rule) submitted to the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. I have found the following to be true.

Proposed rule LSA #25-2 amends 570 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 2-1-1-9 in order to codify the existing fine structures which the Indiana Commission for Higher Education practices when issuing fines and civil penalties.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education's provided analysis displays a proper due diligence and understanding of how implementation must be carried out to ensure compliance while minimizing the potential impact to small businesses and individuals. Based upon this statement and review, the Indiana Small Business Ombudsman supports the proposed rule related to the economic impact on small business if the Office of the Indiana Commission for Higher Education's conclusions reflect the actual result after promulgation. If there are any questions about these comments, please contact me at ombudsman@iedc.in.gov.

Sincerely,
David Watkins
Small Business Ombudsman
Indiana Economic Development Corporation