

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25955

This bill requires a crew of at least two (2) persons to operate trains or locomotives in the State of Idaho, except when engaged in helper or hostling (the act or process of handling a locomotive between runs) services. This will help ensure secure and safe rail transport in Idaho. Requiring two-person crews will protect our environment, community, and families from preventable rail incidents. A fine for non-compliance will be assessed at \$1,000 for the first offense, and \$5,000 for the additional violations, payable to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

### FISCAL NOTE

The fiscal impact of this bill will be to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. The commission will be responsible for overseeing the enforcement of the regulation, and for collecting the fines associated with non-compliance. The enforcement may require additional staffing and housing to accommodate the new requirement. The precise fiscal impact is difficult to estimate but will be offset by the revenue collected from assessed fines.

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