

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho is home to two interstate pipelines, one that crosses the state in the panhandle and the other that traverses the southern part of the state. Those pipelines are a critical part of our region's natural gas transmission systems and have been in place for decades. Recent population growth in our state means that residential developments are encroaching on those pipelines. And that presents potential safety issues that need to be mitigated. With proper notice and planning, those issues are addressed through collaboration between the pipeline companies and the developers. This bill promotes that collaboration by requiring notification of encroachment at the front end of the development process. Currently, interstate pipeline companies do not get notification until much later in the process. At that point, it is often difficult to make changes or, in some cases, too late.

FISCAL NOTE

The notices will be handled at the local level, so there should not be an impact to state general funds. Because the scope of the bill is limited to interstate pipelines already in place, and the notices can be incorporated into existing processes, impacts to local governments should be de minimis.

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