

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29100 / S1222

This legislation requires the expenditure of all federal COVID-19 funds available to the State for the following purposes:

- Reimbursing employers for wages paid to workers taking time off work to:
 - Receive or assist family members to receive COVID-19 vaccinations;
 - Recover from adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccinations;
 - Care for family members having adverse reactions to COVID-19 vaccinations;
- Rapid COVID-19 testing for Idahoans, including school personnel and students;
- Compensating those off work due to exposure to, or contracting, COVID-19;
- Mobile vaccination clinics and in-home vaccinations for COVID-19;
- Enhanced multi-lingual capabilities for COVID-19 vaccine information and administration;
- A sick leave bank for all public employees, including school personnel;
- One-time bonus payments to essential workers; and
- A COVID-19 vaccine injury compensation program.

Pursuant to the legislation's emergency clause, it will take effect upon passage and approval.

FISCAL NOTE

Projected Increase in Appropriations of Federal Funds. There is a projected increase in existing and future appropriations of federal COVID-19 funds, but it is not possible to project the amount of such increases because their amounts and permissible uses can change over time.

No Projected Increase in Appropriations from Idaho Tax Dollars. There is no projected increase in existing or future appropriations of state or local government appropriations from state or local tax revenues because the funds to be expended are entirely federal in origin.

Possible Increase in Revenues from Federal Funds. State and local government revenues might increase to the extent that they receive federal COVID-19 funds for, among other things, (i) enhancing the availability of rapid COVID-19 testing, mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinics and in-home COVID-19 vaccinations; and (ii) the reimbursement of wages paid to public employees taking time off work for the COVID-19 related matters authorized in this legislation.

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