

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposal amends Idaho Code section 49-2203(2), to increase the Hazardous Material endorsement \$3 fee and the \$5 fee to a single fee of \$10.00, to not only provide necessary funding to meet current needs of Professional Technical Education, but also to fund the personnel and equipment costs of 5 ISP Hazardous Materials Specialists for a full 12 months of the year and to ensure the fund is sustainable for the future. The current \$3 and \$5 annual and single trip endorsement fees charged commercial vehicles for an Idaho Hazardous Material Endorsement pursuant to Idaho Code section 49-2203(2), and the \$20 single trip and \$250 annual fee for Hazardous Waste Endorsement pursuant to Idaho Code section 49-2202(2) - (3) do not fully support the ISP Hazardous Material program. Currently the funds from this account provide personnel costs for 2 out of 5 ISP Hazardous Materials Specialists and some equipment costs for approximately 8 - 10 months. The balance of the officers' personnel costs and operating expenditures is paid by the Patrol program. The fee also provides \$67,800 in funds to the Idaho Professional Technical Education department for emergency responder training. Over the past ten years the annual amount of money in the fund has been approximately \$215,000.

FISCAL NOTE

Hazardous Material endorsement fees are administered by ITD currently. The only change to their system is to increase the fee amount that is passed on to ISP. In FY2009 ISP received \$135,912 income from Haz/Mat permit fees only. Increasing the fees to a single \$10.00 fee increases the revenue to approximately \$520,000. The total fund (Hazardous Waste & Hazardous Material) would increase to approximately \$605,000.

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