

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Providing health insurance at an affordable rate for employees and employers is a key part of recruiting and retaining employees. Many cities across Idaho find health insurance costs are rising at dramatic rates for a variety of reasons, among them is a relatively small number of employees in the insured pool. The intent of this bill is to allow cities to join the health insurance pool administered by the Office of Government Insurance and thus spread the insurance risk across a much larger group, reduce the cost to cities and lower the cost of city operations to citizens. There is no requirement for cities to enroll in the state plan if they desire not to do so. Rules for implementation will need to be created by the Office of Government Insurance similar to those in place for allowing school districts to enroll in the state insurance plan, specifying enrollment procedures, dates, and premium payments.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will have no impact on the State of Idaho General Fund or any dedicated fund or federal fund because the enrolled cities will pay all premium costs and the costs of state administration of the plan.

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