

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS32402 / H0234

This legislation will add wildland fire fighter vehicles to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle in the State of Idaho. Currently fire departments vehicles are considered emergency vehicles but not vehicles from agencies that only do wildland fire fighting. This legislation will make wildland fire agency vehicles authorized emergency vehicles only when responding to urban interface fires. Getting to wildland urban interface fires sooner means faster requests for additional resources including tanker planes and helicopters to defend houses and critical infrastructure often found in the urban interface areas.

FISCAL NOTE

Many of the vehicles that this legislation will now authorize as emergency vehicles are already equipped with emergency lights and sirens. They are already equipped with this equipment for the purpose of scene safety after arriving at the fire. If an agency needs to add emergency lights and sirens to a vehicle it is about \$2,500.00 per vehicle.

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