

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19459

The Idaho Video Services Act establishes a streamlined statewide process that will enable new providers of wire-line video service to receive a certificate of franchise authority from the Idaho Secretary of State for the provision of video service within the state. The act preserves the authority of local units of government to control and regulate the use of public rights of way and to assure such use is in compliance with local governmental requirements.

The Act provides for equality of treatment between incumbent cable service providers and new video service providers and continues the right of local governments to receive video franchise fees from all video and incumbent cable service providers.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no negative fiscal impact on state or local governments.

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