

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Idaho Elevator Safety Code Act (the "Act"), which became law on July 1, 2004, requires, among other things, owners of buildings with elevators to "modernize" their elevators by installing safety upgrades. Compliance with some of the modernization requirements will present significant financial challenges to owners of buildings with elevators installed prior to July 1, 2004. The intent of this proposal is to help mitigate the costs of modernization (as defined in the Act and in ASME A17.3) by requiring those building owners to make alterations or install new equipment only when the cost of the alteration or upgrade is less than \$5,000. These elevator conveyances will still be required to meet all other safety requirements required by the Safety Code for Existing Elevators and Escalators, which pursuant to the Act applies to conveyances placed into operation before July 1, 2004.

The proposal also provides that if the building owner makes significant alterations to the building and those alterations fall within the scope of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the exemptions expressed in this proposal would not apply.

FISCAL NOTE

No known fiscal impact.

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