

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This technical amendment to the current statute related to Port Districts (Title 70) recognizes that in today's global economy, international and national trade is being shipped into and out of Idaho through several modes of transportation using several well established trade corridors such as I-84, I-15, US-95, navigable waterways, railroads, and air carriers. To effectively compete in today's economic environment and create new jobs for Idaho residents, it becomes an imperative to provide the same opportunities for success in other areas of the State, that have existed successfully for decades in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley. This change simply enables the opportunity for citizens in an area to decide if they would like to create a port district along these trade corridors to support the creation of jobs and economic stability.

FISCAL NOTE

None to the state. Once accepted by county commissioners, there would be some additional cost to include the measure on a ballot. The establishment of a port district does not impose a property tax unless, in a subsequent election, voters decide, by a supermajority, accept such measure.

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